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SQUARE AND COMPASS MINSTRELS

Eighth Annual Show Is Successfully Presented in Town Hall—Song and Dance Specialties Add Variety to Program—Topical Song with Many Local Hits

The eighth annual minstrel show by the Square and Compass club with end songs, jokes and a variety of specialty numbers was held in the Town hall last Friday evening.

George A. Higgins, resplendent in a suit of white satin with a pink boutonniere was in his accustomed place as interlocutor in the center of the chorus attired in smart evening attire, with white boutonnieres. Eight black end men with scarlet or red facings to their coats and bright ties gave color to the group. The wielders of the tambos and bones were Harrison Brown, Sr., James Ryley, Leonard D. Sherman, Charles T. Gilliard, George H. Wiswall, Harrison Brown, Jr. and William C. Hatch.

"So Beats My Heart for You" and "Moonlight on the Colorado" were sung by J. Everett Collins, Chauncey M. Mayo, Harry Wilkinson and Lawrence Bottomley, and solos were rendered by George M. Knipe, Herbert E. Porter and Carl Wetterberg.

"Donald the Dub" was the Scotch golf specialty by Henry Fairweather, in the most extravagant of golf costumes. Songs, dance steps, and jokes on the popular pastime, many of them with a local flavor, made up his skit.

The end songs were all well applauded and the men responded with generous encores. James Ryley was assisted in "Jimbo Jambo" by William Hatch with Charles Gilliard and George Wiswall as hula-hula dancers.

The topical song by John M. Erving touched on the Lions club, the new By-pass, the ambulance, North Main street, whistling locomotives, the community chest, the Tercentenary celebration and last but not least the New Year's party which the Square and Compass club will sponsor for the benefit of the unemployed.

The show was directed by Lewis Carpenter a Lowell man, and drum major in the Shriners' band. General dancing was enjoyed after the show with music by Carpenter's orchestra.

The program:

Opening Chorus—Give Yourself a Pat on the Back
Introduction — George A. Higgins
End Song—Cheer Up — Harrison Brown, Jr.
Selection—Rose of My Heart — George Knipe
End Song—Here Comes the Sun — George H. Wiswall
Selections—So Beats My Heart for You, Moonlight on the Colorado — J. Everett Collins, Chauncey M. Mayo, Harry Wilkinson, Lawrence Bottomley
End Song—Alabama Jubilee — Leonard D. Sherman
Selection—Old New England Moon — Herbert E. Porter
End Song—My Baby Just Cares for Me — Harrison Brown
Specialty — Charles Scobie, John Scherner, James Bissett

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RED CROSS ROLL CALL

1930 Subscriptions Exceed Those of Previous Year—Committee Acknowledges Assistance of Many

The final figures are in for this last roll call in which 2,013 persons joined and the sum of $3,483.17 was collected. The amount collected is more than was obtained last year, which is all the more gratifying as a drive had just been terminated when our canvassers started, and a number of people felt that they could not give the whole membership fee, and others had contributed to the Lawrence Chest thinking that our Red Cross was included.

The districts that went over in memberships and amounts from last year are—Scotland district and Porter road, Bartlet section, Abbott village, Elm street section and the business district: in amount, School and Phillips; in memberships, High and Walnut. Holt district had the same membership as last year.

At Phillips academy $712.00 was collected by its canvassers—$90.00 more was sent directly to our treasurer and has been included in this report in the districts in which those contributors lived.

We thank Mrs. Charles D. Thompson and Mrs. J. G. S. Humphreys who distributed our posters from the Reading line, through the town, and in Abbott and Shawsheen villages.

We thank Mr. Stevens also for the help he gave us with the letters, and for the co-operation of our ministers on Armistice Day, and all townspeople who have helped us in any way. Especially do we appreciate the services of our loyal and faithful house-to-house canvassers, not only for the time spent in this roll call but in many former ones.

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LOCAL NEWS NOTES

Harold Godfrey of Caronel Court apartments is in Philadelphia, Pa., on a business trip.

Andover council, 1078, Knights of Columbux, met Thursday evening in the Knights of Columbus hall.

The public schools will close for the Christmas holidays on December 24, re-opening on January 5.

Dr. and Mrs. John Nelson of New York city visited with Mr. and Mrs. John H. Flint of High street over the week-end.

Edward O. Hagan, who was appointed night fireman at the Central heating plant of the school began his duties Wednesday evening.

Frank Golden, aged eight years of Carmel road, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Lawrence General hospital on Thursday.

The W. W. G. girls of the Baptist church will meet on this evening at 7.45 o'clock with Mrs. Alexander Crockett at her home on South Main street.

Mrs. Walter W. Kent of 255 Tucker street, North Andover, is at the Lawrence general hospital having undergone a painful operation on last Friday. At present she is resting comfortably.

Andover lodge, 230, I. O. O. F., exemplified the second degree on a class of five candidates from lodges in Lawrence and Methuen Wednesday evening at the meeting in Fraternal hall.

Shawsheen village still retains the title of the coldest spot in the Merrimack valley and Monday night while the mercury was hovering near the zero mark in other cities and towns, a reading of 10 degrees below was taken at the village.

The White Fund lecture course will open at the Colonial theatre in Lawrence Sunday afternoon, December 21st, at half past three. Dr. John C. Bowker will present his lecture on the Oberammergau Passion play with his original illustrations in colors.

Mr. and Mrs. John Buss of New York city are rejoicing over the birth of a son, born December 12. The father is a former Andover boy and is well known as a singer. He has been heard many times over the radio from various stations in the country and has appeared in theatres in many of the larger cities.

The many friends of J. Everett Collins, Andover's well-known baritone, enjoyed listening on Wednesday afternoon to his first broadcast from station WEEI in the musical prelude to the address by the radio pastor, Rev. Evan J. Shearman. He was accompanied at the organ by Wilbur F. Burleigh. The selections chosen were "Come Ye Blessed" by John Prindle Scott and "My Task" by Ashford.

"Messiah" to Be Sung Tonight

Handel's "Messiah" will be given its first performance here tonight in George Washington hall at 8 o'clock by the Andover Choral society which is also making its initial appearance. The society which give the proceeds, less expenses, for the relief of needy local fanilies.

J. Everett Collins, organizer and director has trained his chorus with unusual care and tonight's performance will mark another in the list of Andover's notable musical events. The final rehearsal last night gave every indication of this.

The chorus will number over one hundred voices and every church in town is represented. To accommodate this large body of singers a special platform has been constructed which allows director Collins to get full value in tone and volume from his chorus.

The soloists who appeared at last night's rehearsal left nothing to be desired and Blanche Haskell, sporano; Clara R. Taylor, contralto and Charles Boyd, tenor are oratorio interpreters of unuausl ability. Walter H. Kidder, bass, and the "Messiah" are synonymous in New England.

The Calvary Philharmonic orchestra of 22 pieces, Raymond Wilkinson at the Martha Cochran Memorial organ, Miss Marion Abbott and Mrs. Gladys M. Stahl pianists will provide the accompaniments.

Tickets may still be had at the Andover News Company, Arco Building, and also at the door tonight.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES

COMING EVENTS

TONIGHT

8.00 p.m. George Washington Hall. Handel's "Messiah", by the Andover Choral Society.

SUNDAY

7.00 p.m. Free Church. Pageant: "While Shepherds Watchde".

Advertisers and correspondents are asked to have copy at the Townsman office before Wednesday noon in order to insure its being printed in Friday's Townsman.

The fire department was called out in answer to Box 4 at 9.43 a.m. Monday to extinguish a grass fire off William street.

Mrs. G. Milton Friese and children left Thursday to spend the holidays with Mr. Friese in Rahway, N. J. Mr. Friese recently resigned from his position with the Beaver Manufacturing company, in Ballardvale to accept another with the Calco Chemical company, Bound Brook, N. J.

Daring Bag Snatcher Makes Escape

Almost within sight of her own doorway, Miss Julia Daly of 10 Chestnut street was robbed of her handbag containing $50.00 as she was returning home Tuesday evening shortly after six o'clock.

As she passed the corner of the bank on Chestnut street, she heard quick steps behind her, and a man with his face concealed by his coat collar and hat passed her on the run, snatching her bag as he passed. The bag, was a handsome one of leather monogrammed with Miss Daly's initials. So firmly was she holding it by the strap, that her hand was wrenched before she released it. Too terrified to scream, she arrived in a few minutes at her home where she told her story to her brother, Dr. J. J. Daly, who notified the police.

In the mean time, the thief had disappeared down Chestnut street toward Central. With frozen ground and no snow it was difficult to trace his movements. A search of the vicinity has failed to reveal any trace even of the empty bag.

Births

December 9, 1930, a son, John William, to Mr. and Mrs. William Gillis of 88 North Main street.

December 10, 1930, at the O'Donnell sanitarium, a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Brennan of 29 Stevens street.

December 14, 1930, at the Shawsheen hospital, a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Pomeroy (Helen Brown).

LOCAL NEWS NOTES

Seniors Win Goldsmith Prizes

Miss Margaret Glen Sparks and James William O'Donnell, both members of the senior class were the winners at the 30th annual Goldsmith prize-speaking held last Friday evening in the Punchard hall. Two prizes of five dollars each are awarded, one to a boy and one to a girl, for excellencee in public speaking.

The judges spent more than half an hour in deciding on the winners. During this time the audience joined the school glee club in singing Christmas carols under the direction of Miss Miriam Sweeney. Miss Sweeney also led the Glee club in several selections during the program.

The members of the committee of award were Miss Florence Cunningham of Boston, Frank H. Hardy and Trask H. Wilkinson.

The program:

The Heavens Resound — *Beethoven*
Combined Glee Clubs
Johnny Gets Ready for Company — *Lillian Holms Strack*
Edith Cecelia Stott '34
The True Prince and the Feigned — *Mark Twain*
Richard Twining Cooper '34
Selection from "Gentle Julia" — *Booth Tarkington*
Priscilla Abercrombie 33'
The Man Without a Country — *Edward Everett Hale*
Higus Asonian '33
Thou Visitest the Earth — *Peace*
Girls' Glee Club
Tom Takes Betty's Punishment — *Mark Twain*
A More Perfect Union — *George William Curtis*
Philip Heifetz '32
The Poetry Recital — *Alan Alexander Milne*
Margaret Glen Sparks '31
The Masque of the Red Death — *Edgar Allan Poe*
James William O'Donnell '31

Christmas at Memorial Hall Library

Christmas has arrived at the Junior Library! Through the generosity of Francis H. Foster a large quantity of pine boughs have been placed in various nooks and corners of the room. There is a good-sized Christmas tree which is gayly decorated and the children daily bring in some treasure of theirs "to put on the tree."

The glass case contains again this year the Nativity. This impresses the children perhaps more than anything else in the room.

The windows are trimmed with bright wreaths thus giving to the people a bit of the library's holiday cheer.

To one observing the children's faces as they go into the library it is evident that the efforts are not in vain, their faces clearly expressing their joy and best of all, they catch the spirit of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS IN THE CHURCHES

Special Music Will Be Heard on Sunday — Pageant to Be Presented at Free Church at Union Service to Be Held Sunday Evening

Next Sunday morning the church bells will call together unusually large congregations to attend the services specially arranged in observance of the Christmas season.

Music will aid in spreading the Christmas message and the order of service as arranged in the different churches is given below:

Free Christian Church

Special music has been arranged by the organist and choir director, Ernest L. Thornquist, for the morning service. The anthems will be "Behold, I Bring You Glad Tidings," by Churchill, "The Angel's Song" by Dressler, and "A Joyous Christmas Song" by Geraert.

The Junior choir of thirty voices and the Senior choir of sixteen voices will be assisted by Miss Evelyn Mayer, pianist, Alfred Greenfield, violinist, and Miss Sadie MacLeish, Mrs. C. L. Ambye and Robert Cargill as soloists.

The program of music:

Prelude—Adagio Pathetique — *Godard*
(Violin, Piano and Organ)
Anthem—Behold, I bring you glad tidings — *Churchill*
Anthem—The Angels' Song — *Dressler*
Male Quartette—We Have Seen His Star in the East — *Simper*
Carol—Christmas Carol — *Florence N. Wilson*
Carol—Angels we have heard on high — *Traditional*
Anthem—A Joyous Christmas Song — *Geraert*
Offertory—Meditation — *Mietzke*
(Violin, Piano and Organ)
Soprano Solo—Gesu Bambino — *Yon*
Postlude—Hosannah — *Dubois*

"While Shepherds Watched", a Christmas pageant written by Emmanuel Booth which was so successfully given in the Free church last year will be repeated Sunday evening at seven o'clock.

The pageant has been cast as follows:

Prolocutors — Mrs. Dana Clark, Mrs. Cecelia Derrah
Gabriel — Mrs. E. Taber McFarlin
Joseph — Lewis Paine
Mary — Mrs. Alfred Harris
Innkeeper — Geoffrey Nicoll
Innkeeper's Wife — Mrs. David May
Miriam — Mrs. Margaret Fairweather
Mother — Mrs. George Boddy
Child — Gordon Boddy
Titus — Harry Rogers
Dan — John Gallagher

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FOOTBALL SUPPER

Girls of Senior Class Give Annual Testimonial to Members of Victorious Football Team—Followed by Speeches

Members of the Punchard football team and invited guests to the number of thirty-six were entertained at a turkey supper given last evening by the girls of the Domestic Science classes under the direction of Miss Margaret Hinchcliffe.

Red and green were the colors used in the decorations and footballs with sprigs of holly fashioned the place cards. Red runners, streamers and candles carried out the color scheme.

The menu included grapefruit cocktail, turkey pie, mashed potatoes, boiled onions, squash, celery, cranberry sauce, salted nuts, rolls, cake and coffee.

Following the supper speeches were made by Principal Nathan C. Hamblin, Myron E. Gutterson, Coach Eugene Lovely, Captain Edward Rondeau and Captain Elect Harry Gouck. Other guests included Superintendent Henry C. Sanborn and Assistant Coach William McDonald.

The members of the team were: Soren Loosigian, William Page, Edward Rondeau, Charles Simpson, George Waldie, George Snow, John Cole, Drummond Bissett, George Simpson, Malcolm McTernen, Harry Gouck,(Captain elect) Jack Twigg, Albert McCarthy, Frederick Burne, David Petrie, James Doherty, John Maguire, John Pike, John Deyermond, Roger Whitcomb, William Kimball, William Daley, Cornelius O'Brien, Robert Meadowcroft, Higus Asonian, Tom Low, Walter Pearson, Walter Downs, (manager) Allan Mills.

The cheer leaders Archie Davidson and Richard McGovern as well as William Gorrie were also present at the supper.

The members of the committees were as follows:

General Committee—Eleanor Reed.

Decorations—Margaret Sparks, Viola Tagis, Annie Rizzo.

Dish washing—Mary and Elizabeth Beer.

Dish wipers—Grace Russell, Janet Amede, Jessie Kinnear, Doris Kydd.

Waitresses—Mary Rennie, Marion Souter, Charlotte David, Ruth Swenson.

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"ONE ROMANTIC NIGHT" Screenings 2:25-7:55 Marie Dressler

FRIDAY and SATURDAY—DEC. 26-27
"LOVE IN THE ROUGH" Screenings 3:10-7:10-9:30 Robert Montgomery
"THE LONE DEFENDER" Screenings 2:35-6:35-8:55 Rin Tin Tin

State Will Make Winter Travel Safe

The roads of Massachusetts will be as safe and as easy to travel the coming winter as it is possible for human ingenuity and labor and modern machinery to make them. The snow and ice fighting campaign has been mobilized and prepared to take up strategic positions in the field from which the first onslaught of winter can be successfully combated. When the first heavy snow appears the State will be ready with men and plows to clear some fifteen hundred miles of highway and keep it clear so that motor vehicles can travel with practically the same freedom as in midsummer. This work is entirely independent of what the various cities and towns will do in removing snow from their streets.

In the early days of show removal the municipalities did the work, but this plan failed in large measure through lack of co-operation. In recent years the State has taken it over on all the trunk highways and the program for the approaching winter calls for the clearing of the largest mileage that ever has been undertaken. It includes almost the entire system of State highways, the only exceptions being the roads on Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket islands, a few instances of parallel highways where only one is cleared and several short sections where regular snow plowing is unnecessary. Based upon the figures of last year, the work of keeping open and available the highway system of Massachusetts will cost each vehicle owner just about the tax on thirteen gallons of gasoline or twenty-six cents. Snow removal during the winter of 1929-30 cost the State $229,414, which figures out at $156.28 per mile cleared or twenty-six cents each for the registered motor vehicles. The cost ranged from $3.69 per mile in some sections to $327 in others.

The first step in the battle against the elements is the erection of snow fences along roads where experience has shown that the snow is likely to drift, these of eight slats four or five feet high that break the sweep of the wind. When the snow begins to fall in such quantity as to make it apparent that it will accumulate, the department has a fleet of light trucks equipped with plows ready to take the road. If the storm continues there is another fleet of heavier trucks and larger plows, prepared to enter the fray and should conditions become extreme and the snowfall extraordinarily heavy, there are powerful tractors and huge plows, including one rotary, that are capable of coping with any drift. The truck plows are so efficient that it is rarely necessary to send out the tractors. Last year not more than half the tractors were put into service. The trucks are run until the storm is over.

The State's work is not complete, however, when the snow stops falling and the roads are open. Then begins a new fight, that against ice. It frequently happens in midwinter that during the middle of the day the sun will cause the snow to melt a little. When night comes the water, either from the melted snow left in the road or from the roadside, freezes. This causes a treacherous condition which has to be guarded against promptly. As soon as a freezing condition is apparent and ice begins to form in the roads, the department sends out trucks loaded with sand in which calcium chloride has been mixed. Even under very cold conditions the calcium chloride causes the ice to melt sufficiently so that the sand will sink in a little and hold. The sand-calcium chloride mixture is spread with machines, which will cover a five-foot strip of road for a mile and a quarter in a few minutes. It is rarely necessary to spread sand continuously for as much as a mile, and usually one load of sand is enough to cover the slippery spots for a distance of five miles or even more. The speed of the mechanical sand spreaders makes them especially valuable. Under most circumstances the calcium chloride in the sand is sufficient to soften the ice so that it is soon broken up and thrown one side by passing vehicles. But if an icy section proves particularly stubborn it is covered with calcium chloride in large enough quantity to melt it, so that it can be easily scraped away. The department keeps an especially watchful eye upon grades and curves and aims to remove ice as soon as it appears.

The department had made arrangements with the Weather Bureau so that it will be promptly forewarned of the approach of any serious snowstorm and this information is relayed to the districts so that the snow fighting force can go into action immediately. The average annual snowfall in Massachusetts ranges from nineteen inches on Cape Cod to sixty-six inches in the Berkshires and consequently the heaviest snow removal machinery is located where it is most needed. Sometimes, however, the normal conditions are reversed. This happened last year when one of the hardest storms of the winter struck Cape Cod. The department had to bring its heaviest machinery to break out the Cape roads and one of the biggest plows became stuck.

Goldkette's Casa Loma Orchestra at Crystal Ballroom Tonight

The outstanding attraction of the season will be heard at the beautiful Crystal ballroom in Shawsheen village, Andover, this evening when Jean Goldkette's internationally famous Casa Loma orchestra of Detroit will make its debut. It is an assured fact that this wonderful band will establish an all-time attendance record at this popular ballroom. The Casa Loma band has won nation-wide renown through its successful radio broadcasts over Stations WJR of Detroit, WJZ of New York and WNAC of Boston as well as through its hundreds of Victor phonograph recordings. For three years it has been the outstanding attraction in the Middle West at the famous Greystone ballroom in Detroit, while its many visits to Roseland-on-the-Merrimack last summer placed it in the front rank of all ballroom orchestras in this district.

Christmas week will be fittingly observed at Crystal next week, when there will be four successive dancing parties. The first of these will be a special holiday eve party on Wednesday, Christmas eve, and the second will be a special holiday dance on Thursday, Christmas night. In addition, there will be the regular week-end dances on Friday and Saturday evenings. For all these dances, and for tomorrow night's week-end dance, Roland Russell's Rollicking Ramblers, the busiest and most popular orchestra in the Greater Lawrence district, will occupy the orchestral stage. The Ramblers are probably the most important factor in the unprecedented success of Crystal ballroom, where all previous attendance records are being shattered this season.

Harnedys Defeat Eastwoods

The Harnedys took three points from the Eastwoods in a bowling match rolled Tuesday night in the Knights of Columbus league at the K. of C. alleys. McCarthy rolled 123 for high single and Harnedy 312 for high triple.

The scores:

HARNEDYS				
P. Barrett	91	92	83	266
J. McCarthy	123	100	87	310
A. P. Sullivan	89	90	86	265
E. Downs	95	110	95	300
W. Harnedy	92	122	98	312
Totals	490	514	449	1453
EASTWOODS				
H. Eastwood	91	91	87	271
M. Shea	99	103	98	300
F. Barrett	82	113	93	288
W. Ronan	101	102	81	284
F. Nelligan	99	101	110	310
Totals	472	510	469	1451

CHRISTMAS IN THE CHURCH

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Pharisees	
Benoni	James C. Souter
Simeone	James Gillespie
Mushi	Thomas Gorrie
Wise Men	
Balthasar	Robert Deyermond
Caspar	David May
Melchior	George Petrie
Shepherds	
Eder	Stanley Swanton
Levi	Randolph Perry
Isaac	Alexander Stewart
Abel	Benjamin Miller
Miquel	George Early
Angel Chorus	
Elizabeth Perry, Mary Marr, Barbara Hickok, Jessie Dobbie, Margaret Lawrie, Mary Winkley, Marion Coutts, Margaret Purcell, Helen Marr, Evelyn Marr, Margaret Fairweather, Annie Jamieson	

A strong cast of characters, appropriate music, rich costumes and beautiful lighting effects will make "While Shepherds Watched" a religious service well worth attending.

To accommodate the large audience the doors will be open at six-thirty.

The members of the pageant committee are Stanley C. Hickok and Rev. Rrederick A. Wilson.

Refreshments—Mrs. Lewis Paine, Mrs. Harry Ramsdell, Mrs. James Purcell.

Costumes—Mr. and Mrs. David May, Mrs. E. E. Perry, James C. Souter, Mrs. Stanley Hickok.

Decorations—Wendell Kydd and Howard C. Stickney.

South Church

The program of music arranged by Orlando Barr, organist and music director at the South church for the morning service on Christmas day is as follows:

Pastorale	*Cesar Franck*
"Break Forth, O Beauteous, Heavenly Light"	*Bach*
In The Manger	*Lang*
O Bethlehem! (Spanish Folk Song)	*Dickinson*
"In dir ist Freude"	*Fa:h*

The members of the quartet are Grace Allen Craig, soprano, Mrs. Gordon B. Elliott, alto, Chauncey M. Mayo, tenor, Lawrence Bottomley, bass.

At noon the members of the Primary department of the Sunday school gave the following Christmas program:

Opening Exercises	School
Recitation—Welcome One and All	William Ferguson
Recitation—Christmas Greeting	John Collins
Story	Miss Dorothy Newman
Poem	Miss Dorothy Jennings
Song—Silent Night	School
Recitation—Our Guides	Peggy and Glennis Draper
A Playlet—The First Christmas Morning	
Sarah	Mary Zecchini
Miriam	Gladys Sanborn
Martha	Ruth Leitch
Rachel	Ruth Holt
Rebecca	Judith Hardy
Ruth	Eleanor Stanford
Abigail	Constance Cole
Judith	Margaret Saribogosian
Short Story	Mrs. Ada Brown
Duet	Frances Hall, Howard Huntress
Poem—Christmas	Miss Harriet Newman
Recitation—My Wish	Phillips Foster
A Play—Frankincense	
A rich girl	Miss Fraize
A fairy	Mrs. E. Lovely
Three Pilgrim Children	George W. Chandler, Kathleen Stowers, Lillian Lovely
French Peasants	Nancy Boyce, Carol Holmelund
Colonial Children	James Buntin, Marjorie Smalley, Priscilla Glines, John Leitch, Clifford Stowers
Invalids in a hospital	Jeanne Fiske, Helen Brickett, Gladys Sanborn, Dorothy Sutcliffe, Henry Buntin, Gilbert Fraize
Closing Prayer	School
Benediction	Rev. F. B. Noss

Christ Church

Observance of the Christmas season will begin at Christ church on Wednesday evening at half past six o'clock when the pageant which has been a part of the Christmas Eve service for many seasons will be presented beginning at half past six o'clock. Miss Shirley McKee is in charge of the pageant.

On Christmas Day, the two services of Holy Communion will be at 7.30 and 9.30 a.m. At the latter service the music arranged by Gordon S. Brown, organist and choirmaster will be as follows:

Processional Hymn 72	*Reading*
Hymn 76	*Wainwright*
Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light	*Bach*
Hymn 73	*Mendelssohn*
Sursum	*Athoe*
Sanctus	*Athoe*
Gloria	*Athoe*
Recessional Hymn 78	*Redner*

On the Sunday after Christmas, December 28, the order of service will be as follows:

Processional Hymn 72—Adeste Fidelis	
Versicles	*Tallis*
Venite	
Psalm	
Lesson	
Te Deum B minor	*T. Tertius Noble*
Lesson	
Jubilate B minor	*T. Tertius Noble*
Versicles	*Tallis*
Hymn 71	*Winchester Old*
Sermon	
Anthem—Gloria 12th Mass	*Mozart*
Doxology	
Carols—Good Christian Men	
Good King Wenceslas	
Blessing	
Hymn 79	*Old Carol*

Baptist Church

The Christmas Sunday service will be held at the Baptist church on December 21, beginning at 10.30 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. C. Norman Bartlett, will give a Christmas message and the music has been arranged by the organist, Miss Emelyn Wright.

The order of service:

Prelude—Prelude et Canticne	*Rousseau*
Doxology	
Invocation	
Gloria	
Responsive Reading	
Hymn—O come, all ye faithful	
Scripture Lesson—Isaiah 61	
Solo	
Prayer	
Response	
Offertory—Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme	*Bach*
Hymn—It came upon the midnight clear	
Sermon—God's Gift to Christ	
Hymn—Holy Night	
Benediction	
Postlude	*Roparts*

At twelve o'clock the Sunday school will give the following Christmas program:

Hymn—Joy to the World	School
Invocation	Pastor
Hymn—Hark the Herald Angels Sing	School
Scripture (Luke 2:8-20, Mt. 2:1-11)	Herbert Otis
Prayer	Pastor
Song—Away in a Manger	Primary Department
Trialogue—Adoration of the Wise Men	Three boys
Song—There Is Room in My Heart	Several girls
Collection	
Christmas Message	Superintendent Perley F. Gilbert
Reading of a prayer by Rev. J. F. Newton	Flora Bacon
Hymn—Silent Night	School
Benediction	Pastor

West Church

The program of music arranged for the morning service at the West church by the director and organist, Miss Marion Abbott, is as follows:

Organ Prelude—Bethlehem	*Malling*
Hymn—Hark! the herald angels sing	
Anthem—O Holy Night	*Adam*
Response to prayer—Sevenfold Amen	*Stainer*
Offertory—Pastorella	*Wareing*
Anthem—Gesu Bambino	*Pietro Yon*
Hymn—Joy to the world! the Lord is come	
Anthem—There were shepherds	*Vincent*
Hymn—O come, all ye faithful	
Organ Postlude—Allegro Maestoso	*West*

St. Augustine's Church

A solemn high mass will be celebrated at midnight ushering in Christmas Day at St. Augustine's church. Preceding the mass there will be a program of Christmas carols sung by the Sanctuary choir and a soprano solo "O Night Divine" by Marsh, sung by Mrs. Frederic Erhardt.

The program of music arranged by Miss Annie G. Donovan, organist, is as follows:

Processional—Hark the Sound of Angel Voices	*Cardinal O'Connell*
Eugene Zalla and Choir	
Kyrie Eleison—Mass in D	*Peters*
Gloria In Excelsis	*Peters*
Veni Creator	*Millard*
Credo In Unum Deum	*Peters*
Offertory—Adeste Fideles	*Novello*
Sanctus	*Peters*
Benedictus	*Gounod*
Edward Guertin	
Agnus Dei	*Peters*
Recessional—Parvulus Filius	
Sanctuary Choir	
Postlude—Grand Choeur	*W. R. Spence*

Morrow Testifies about Event Preceding Double Tragedy

Beer drinking and singing in the Ewing home at 1 Caulkins court preceded the fatal automobile accident in which Mr. and Mrs. Ewing lost their lives on the night of November 8 in Shawsheen Village, when the car in which they were riding crashed into a truck and then burst into flames, according to Robert E. Morrow, Jr., who testified that he was the driver of the car, in Lawrence District court Monday morning.

Morrow was found guilty of operating so as to endanger and leaving the scene of an accident after injury to persons without making himself known. He appealed sentences of thirty days and three months and was held in bonds of $500. A charge of manslaughter was dismissed.

Morrow told the court he now resides at 16 Germaine avenue, Bradford. At the time of the accident he was residing at 86 South Broadway, Lawrence.

George Blackwell, of 34 Cypress avenue, whose sister Mary Girard, of Andover owned the death car, was found guilty of allowing a person to operate so as to endanger and allowing a person to leave the scene of an accident after injury to property. He appealed fines of $25 on each of the counts and was held in $400 bail.

Joseph Skibiki of Gleason court, Lawrence, operator of the truck into which the death car crashed, was found guilty of operating so as to endanger and was sentenced to thirty days in the house of correction.

He appealed and was held in bail of $300.

Nearly a score of witnesses testified in the case. Apparently Blackwell with his sister's car had gone to Lawrence from Andover early Saturday morning. During the afternoon he met George Leacock. Leacock wanted to come to Andover, but Blackwell was unwilling to drive as he had had a drink of liquor.

Leacock then went to see Morrow, who agreed to drive the car to Andover.

Morrow and Leacock went to the Ewing home, where Morrow was introduced to the Ewings. Morrow declared that while at the Ewing home there was "singing and beer drinking." He said he did not drink himself, but that Leacock and Ewing drank. Leacock, he said, played the piano.

The two men and the Ewings then got into the car, picked up Blackwell and started for Andover. They reached the square at Shawsheen and had proceeded about 50 feet beyond the Spa when a dark object loomed up in front of them.

Morrow swung to the left, but the car hit something and stopped. It then burst into flames. It is believed that the steel girders extending from the back of the truck which Skibiki was operating crashed through the radiator of the car and sheared the gasoline tank. The fuel struck the hot engine and burst into flames.

Cofusion reigned in the car. Leacock, who was in the back seat with Mrs. Ewing and Blackwell, broke a rear window and leaped out of the car.

Morrow was so dazed that he did not remember anything after the crash until he was in his room in South Lawrence some time later. Blackwell leaped out of a side door.

Witnesses who rushed to the car, found Ewing lying over a seat with flames coming up through the dash board about his head. Edward Burns of Nesmith street, who helped remove Ewing, declared that the man's two legs were like "burning fagots," and that Ewing "was a human torch."

As soon as it was ascertained that someone else was in the car, it was too late. Several witnesses said that they tried to reach Mrs. Ewing, but that the flames made it impossible to do so.

Burns said that Mrs. Ewing was sitting in the corner of the rear seat in a semi-rigid position with one of her arms partially raised. Skibiki, whom the police allege, drove the truck without any tail-light, related how the truck happened to be parked where the accident occurred. His car had gone dead earlier in the evening. He admitted that Officer David Gillespie had told him to put on the car's lights. He denied that the officer had instructed him to fix the tail-light and place a lantern on the extending girders.

A car came from Haverhill to tow him to that city from the Shawsheen garage. When they neared the Spa on Main street he tried to start the car, but it would not go on its own power. Charles Perry, driver of the car which was towing the truck, stopped and went back to find out what the trouble was. It was then that the accident occurred.

That Glorious Christmas of '76

In one of the greatest and most spectacular exploits of his military career, General George Washington, on Christmas night, 1776, wrested a victory from the forces of Great Britain and in a few short hours lifted the spirits of his countrymen from the despair into which they had been plunged by a series of defeats and reverses. With a sure swiftness that inspired terror in the hearts of his enemies, the American Commander-in-Chief, at the head of a small force of 2400 Continentals, crossed the dangerous, ice-filled Delaware River, and, in a fury of desperation, fell upon the Hessian troops commanded by Colonel Rahl at Trenton. The net result of Washington's action was a thousand prisoners of war and a most convincing triumph for the Americans.

On the occasion of the 154th anniversary of this great achievement the Division of Information and Publication of the George Washington Bicentennial Commission calls attention to the event in a statement issued today. The incidents leading up to and connected with the Battle of Trenton are recounted in a story of the maneuvers by which George Washington saved the cause of the Colonies at a time when all hope seemed to be lost. It was this movement which restored the confidence of the Americans and gave them courage to continue the struggle for liberty in the face of all odds.

The attack on Trenton had been planned by Washington as a means of bolstering the rapidly declining hopes of his countrymen. The enlistment term of his most valuable and experienced soldiers would expire at the end of the year, and he knew that but few could be prevailed upon to reenlist under the unpromising conditions which then prevailed. It was not only imperative that the setroops be reenlisted, but it was just as essential that the morale of the entire population be improved. The whole country needed the tonic of an inspriing victory.

While General Howe occupied New York in the summer of 1776, he employed his army in inflicting a series of minor defeats on the Colonials in that vicinity. At Long Island, White Plains, Forts Washington and Lee on the Hudson and in numerous skirmishes, the British had beaten and discouraged the Americans. As winter approached and the weather became more and more disagreeable, Howe became less inclined to fight and gave most of his attention to preparing comfortable quarters in which to plan the spring campaign. To the English leader it appeared that the Revolution had been all but crushed, and he seems to have expected what spirit remained with the Colonists to wear itself out in the cold, freezing snows of winter. At any rate, he had apparently conquered New Jersey, and by the time spring came he would be ready to capture Philadelphia, the rebel capitol.

The British commander had stationed troops at several places in New Jersey to prevent the Americans from retaking that territory should they make an attempt to do so, although little concern was felt in this direction. Washington was just across the Delaware River in Pennsylvania, but the condition of his men was such as to arouse but little apprehension on the part of the British. The entire Continental Army was suffering from a lack of food, clothing, guns, ammunition—in fact, nearly everything needed to maintain an army was lacking in the American camp. No self-respecting European soldier could entertain anything but contempt for such a nondescript body of troops.

Among the soldiers which Howe had left in the Jerseys was a regiment of Hessians under the command of Colonel Rahl. These troops numbered about 1500 and were stationed at Trenton but a very short distance from the Delaware. The Hessians were the type of soldiers known as mercenaries, because of the fact that war was their profession. They were hired out by their own monarch to fight for other rulers. Many of these soldiers were used in the Revoluion by Great Britain. Their lot was not a very happy one for they were not even respected by their English Colleagues. The Americans themsleves despised the hirelings because they were actuated by no principles save that of making money.

Washington formed his plans with all possible secrecy and Christmas was selected as the day for the attack on Trenton because it was believed that the Germans would be wholly unprepared to resist an assault at that time. These suppositions proved to be correct, for the Americans stormed the town in the dawn of that cold December morning.

Washington assembled his men at McKonkey's Ferry on the bank of the Delaware after a march of nine miles through frozen snow and biting sleet. The men were loaded into boats which had been gathered and prepared for the occasion, and the pitiful little army was soon moving across the stream. It was a perilous undertaking for the river was filled with great blocks of ice which many times threatened to overturn the crowded craft. But the affair was so well planned and executed that not a man or gun was lost. There was some delay in getting the artillery up, so that by the time Washington was ready to move on his objective the night was far gone. The enterprise had progressed so far, however, that there could be no thought or turning back.

From the ferry where the crossing had been made there remained another nine miles march to Trenton. By this time the temperature had dropped far below freezing and the troops were in a sorry plight, but they cheerfully resumed the march. The cold was so severe that two men froze to death that night. The suffering was intensified by the lack of suitable clothing, and a messenger to Washington was able to find the General by following the bloddy footprints which his army left in the snow. Many of the muskets were so clogged with ice that they could not be fired, but by the time Trenton was reached the Americans, as one writer suggested, would have charged with nothing but broomsticks. As it was, most of the fighting was done with the bayonet.

The battle did not last long. Colonel Rahl had underestimated the mettle of his opponent and had failed to erect fortifications or other wise to prepare for an attack. This mistake cost him his life and lost to Great Britain the services of a thousand hirelings. The Hessian commander bravely tried to form his men and resist the attack, but it was made so suddenly and so courageously that his tardy efforts were of no avail. This time Washington's victory was certain, and after only a few minutes of fighting the Germans all surrendered. The American casualties consisted of two or three men wounded, one of whom was Lieutenant James Munroe, later to become President of the United States.

Washington's hopes for the success of his enterprise were fully realized. His strategy and the heroism of his troops had the desired effect, for the waning spirits of the Americans were revived and the Revolution was saved The British were forced to admit that they were opposed by a worthy foeman and from this time forward their respect for his ability increased. There is no doubt that this was a strategic and masterful stroke on the part of the American leader. No less an authority than Frederick the Great of Prussia on one occasion is upposed to have remarked that "Washington's campaign in the Jerseys was the outstanding military exploit of the century." After his surrender at Yorktown, Lord Cornwallis, while dining with General Washington said: "Fame will gather your brightest laurels rather on the banks of the Delaware than those from of the Chesapeake."

It is entirely fitting that the American people should turn for a moment from the holiday spirit of the season and remember with gratitude the sacrifices made by these courageous men of the Continental Army and the genius of their indomitable leader in the Battle of Trenton. Surely the nation is deeply indebted to George Washington for what he accomplished on that cold, stormy Christmas in 1776.

Composing Room Wins

The Composing room of the Andover Press defeated the Press room, 1262 to 1173 at the Recreation alleys on Monday evening. The results:

COMPOSING ROOM				
Souter	94	104	102	300
Johnson	114	112	119	345
Bissett	117	102	110	329
Carney	97	106	85	288
Totals	422	424	416	1262
PRESS ROOM				
A. Dumont	72	75	84	231
Marshall	113	104	102	319
Polgreen	115	97	131	343
G. Dumont	92	88	100	280
Totals	392	364	417	1173

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Reports received by the Massachusetts Tuberculosis League from its twenty-eight affiliated organizations in the state indicate that the 1930 Christmas Seal Sale is in many places falling slightly below that of last year.

It is expected that because of unemployment and privation the tuberculosis problem will be increased in 1931.

Frank Kiernan, Executive Secretary of the League, said today: "Practically all of the affiliated organizations of the League throughout Massachusetts are having increased demands made upon them for help. The need of continued support of tuberculosis work in 1931 in more urgent than ever. Thousands who were able to support the seal sale in previous years are unable to do so this year.

"It is gratifying to note that many who have the means this year are assuming the burden for many who cannot help. This is indicative of a fine public conscience for work of this kind.

"We are bending every effort to the end that the 1930 seal sale will not fall below that of its predecessors.

"The response to Community Chest campaigns throughout the country has been uniformly generous. We look for a similar response to the twenty-fourth annual sale of Christmas seals for the prevention of tuberculosis."

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THE ANDOVER TOWNSMAN

Looking Back Twenty-five Years

Fred Cheever has gone to work in the office of the Tyer Rubber company.

David Lawson of Maple avenue is suffering from a broken arm caused by a fall on last Sunday afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Abbott attended the 65th wedding anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hanson in Lowell on Tuesday.

Owls seem to have become numerous throughout the town, a number having been seen and on Wednesday night a fine one was shot by an enthusiastic sportsman.

The trustees of the Andover Savings bank at a meeting held on Tuesday morning declared a semi-annual dividend of two per cent, payable on the third Wednesday of this month.

Erwin C. Pike, who has been at work for Buchan & McNally after having sold out his business to that firm, left town yesterday for his home in Rutland, Vermont, where he will spend the winter.

Brooks Jenkins, P. S. '08, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Jenkins of School street was seriously injured by a snow ball on Tuesday of last week. The snowball struck Jenkins squarely in the eye.

Joseph Myerscough, who has been traveling through the middle western states for the C. W. White Drug company of Boston is at his home in town for the Christmas holidays.

The snow rollers which were purchased by the town this summer with an appropriation made at the Town meeting in March, were used for the first time on Monday and there is a diversity of opinion regarding their benefit to travel. It is thought by the heads of the highway department that they have not been given a fair trial as the snow was pretty well trodden down before they were brought out. Five horses were used on one roller.

An effort is being made among the men of St. Augustine's church to form a branch order of the Knights of Columbus in town. The first meeting for this purpose was held in the club rooms of the Young Men's Catholic Temperance association on Monday evening when there were about thirty present. The interest which was shown proves beyond a doubt that a lodge will be formed

This morning the thermometer registered lower than on any morning this winter. At Frye village, which is probably the coldest part of Andover it ranged all the way from four to ten degrees below zero.

Miss Margaret Anderson of Wolfboro, N. H., is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson on Cuba street.

Probably the biggest Christmas present that will be made by any one individual or concern this year is that which has just been announced by the American Woolen company. A ten per cent increase in wages for all of their employees, carrying with it the big sum of over a million dollars as the laborer's share of the great prosperity which is attending the American Woolen company, is Christmas spirit of a genuinely practical kind.

Below are the names of the children who won the prizes offered by the A. V. I. S. for the best gardens planted and cared for by children: First prizes, one dollar each, Anna and Sylvia Zalla, Pearson street; Mary Cronin, Elm court; Emma and Adam Michelini, Pearson street; Anna Bursley, Highland road; Roy Flint, Holt district. Second prizes, fifty cents each, Arthur Cole, Elm street; Gordon Whitman, Pine street; Irene Valentine, Elm court; Joseph Basso, Pearson street; John Erving, Salem street. Gratuities, twenty-five cents each, Florence Snyder, Ballardvale; Serena Wheatley, Ballardvale; Alice Davis, Ballardvale; Bradford Clarke, Main street; Margaret Hinchcliffe, Highland road; Edith and Ralph Baker, Highland road; Gertrude White, Reservation road; Maude Orcutt, Maple avenue; Wendell Kydd, Red Spring road; Margaret Hammond, Whittier street; Anna Kyle, Elm court; Willa Sellars, Highland road; Guy Webster, Pine street; Harry Dyer, Carter's corner; Everett Collins, Avon street; Elsie Stiles, Washington avenue.

The first snow storm came on Saturday night and Sunday when several inches fell, covering the earth with a white mantle. The sleighing is at present of the very best in the center and no complaints are heard regarding the outlying districts, the snow having fallen so evenly that no drifts are encountered.

Andover Council, No. 65, Royal Arcanum, held its annual meeting on last Friday evening in Pilgrim hall when officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Regent, Warren L. Johnson; vice regent, A. M. Johnson; orator, Ammon P. Richardson; secretary, William B. Cheever; treasurer, John V. Holt; collector, Charles B. Jenkins; chaplain, Robert Lockhead; guide, George Holt; warden, George Piddington; sentry, Walter B. Holt; trustee for three years, Walter Coleman; representative to the Grand lodge, George A. Parker; alternate, John V. Holt.

On Tuesday evening in the vestry of the West church a musical was held under the direction of Miss Grace Burtt who is chairman of the music committee of the Christian Endeavor society. A reading was contributed by the pastor, Rev. J. Edgar Park. Others who took part in the program were Marion L. Abbott, Caroline J. Burtt, Paul G. Favor, Lillian Pike, Winthrop Boutwell, and M. H. Carruth.

The eleventh annual report of the Andover Guild for the year ending October 1 has recently been issued. The relief work of the Guild is its oldest department. In fact the Guild was organized to meet the problems raised by the financial distress which followed the panic of 1892. After so many years of plenty as our nation has enjoyed, this department does not need the attention which was given to it at the first. During the past year, only nineteen families were helped by direct gifts. Since the Stamp Savings bank was started eleven years ago the total deposits have amounted to $4,169.59. On October 1, the deposits were $247.50 about $70 more than the bank held the year before. Fifty-five girls were enrolled in the Saturday morning sessions of the sewing school and of these thirty-seven remained to the end. Miss Sarah Blunt was head teacher for two months and Miss Lydia H. Blood for the rest of the time. The vacation school, the most elaborate of the educational undertakings, was carried through in cooperation with the town school committee. The membership limit was seventy, forty boys and thirty girls between the ages of nine and fourteen. The attendance at the Girls' club for the season of seven and a half months was 1,460, a weekly average of 47. The Boys' club numbered 20, the average attendance was 15.

The annual meeting of the Andover C. E. Union was held in the Ballardvale Congregational church last Friday evening. The president of the Union, Gayton Abbott of the West church presided. The following persons were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, Daniel H. Poor, Ballardvale; secretary, Miss Luella Phelps, West church; treasurer, Gilbert Fenlason, Baptist church; missionary reporter, Miss Annie L. Stevens, North Andover.

On Thursday afternoon in the Free church vestry the Ladies' Benevolent society held one of its regular sewing meetings. At six o'clock a supper was served and in the evening a social was held and a short entertainment was given. Miss Alice Cox contributed a violin solo and was accompanied by Miss Annie Smart. Miss Hattie Erving gave several readings, and Mrs. James May rendered a vocal solo.

In Ann Arbor, Michigan, December 13, 1905, a daughter, Cynthia Berry, was born to Dr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Smith.

I Jes' P'etend

I jes' p'etend my Dad's alive,
That Mama doesn't have to work,
That she can stay at home all day,
An' doesn't have to go an' clerk
In that ol' store—I jes' p'etend!

An' I p'etend that we all live
In a big house in a fine street,
An' that we have a dra' big car,
An' lots of 'licious things to eat,
An' lots of clo'es—I jes' p'etend!

I jes' p'etend the kids at school
Don't laugh at my ol' clo'es an' shoes,
An' that they all like me—a lot—
That sometimes in the games they choose
Me, too, to play—I jes' p'etend!

An' after school, I jes' p'etend
When I go home again an' cook
An' sweep an' dust till Mama comes,
That I'm a princess in a book:
It's lots of fun jes' to p'etend!

An' me an' Mama, we p'etend
That we are eatin' off gold plates,
That we have turkey an' ice cream,
An' cakes, an' raisins, nuts an' dates—
An' oh, yes—butter!—we p'etend!

An' when I go to bed at night
I jes' p'etend that I am not
So awful cold, I snuggle down
An' make believe that I'm too hot—
Sometimes all night, I jes' p'etend!

An' when I hear the kids all talk
'Bout Santa Claus an' his reindeer,
An' all the things he's going to bring,
I jes' p'etend that he'll stop here!—
I wish he knew how I p'etend!

For maybe then he'd bring or send
Some things to us—like I p'etend!

ANONYMOUS

Hotel's Claim to Fame

The Fifth Avenue hotel in New York city installed the first elevator in 1859. This figured in selecting it as a hostelry at which the prince of Wales was entertained in 1860.

The Greatest Great

Many people are so eminent that they do not consider it important whether or not their names are listed as social leaders.—American Magazine.

Poetic but Passe

The robust pioneer saying, "Tickle the land with a hoe and it will laugh with a harvest," is of a day that is passed.—Country Home.

Great Italian Poet

Petrach was born in Arezzo, July, 1303, and died at Arqua, July, 1374. He is considered the first and greatest lyric poet of Italy.

Nelligans Defeat Cussens in K. of C. League

The Nelligans took three points from the Cussens in a bowling match in the Knights of Columbus league rolled at the K. of C. alleys Monday night. M. Shea rolled 132 for high single and A. Beer, 324 for high triple.

The scores:

NELLIGANS				
M. Shea	86	93	132	311
J. Brett	79	97	85	261
F. Connolly	99	10	99	298
A. Beer	104	107	113	324
J. Nelligan	101	87	84	272
Totals	469	484	513	1466
CUSSENS				
J. Welch	102	97	103	302
C. O'Brien	95	83	86	264
J. Levi	104	92	106	302
A. White	103	108	89	300
N. Cussen	98	90	91	279
Totals	502	470	475	1447

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Almost Dead Language

The language of the pharaohs ceased to be officially used after the conquest of Egypt by Alexander the Great, 331 B. C., being supplanted by Greek, which was in turn superseded by Arabic, 1,000 years later, after the Moslem invasion. The Egyptian language lingered on among the people until the Fourteenth century, and is now only used in the liturgy of the Christian Coptic church.

Constitutional Convention

There were ten members of the Constitutional convention who did not attend—John Pickering, Benjamin West, Francis Dana, John Neilson, Abraham Clark, Patrick Henry (declined), Richard Caswell (resigned), Willie Jones (declined), George Walton and Nathaniel Pendleton. Sixteen members of the Constitutional convention attended, but did not sign their names.

Andover Churches



CALENDAR FOR COMING WEEK

SOUTH CHURCH

Central Street
Congregational. Organized 1711

Rev. Frederick B. Noss, Minister

10.45. Morning worship: "The Birth of the Invisible Christ."
10.45. Church Kindergarten.
12.05. Christmas Services in the Church School.
6.30. Candlelight Service in the Christian Endeavor.
7.45 Wednesday. "Christmas Eve in Poetry" Midweek meeting.
2.00 Friday. Sewing meeting, Women's Union.
7.30 Friday. Christmas Party by the Senior Department, Church School.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Essex Street
Organized 1832

Rev. C. Norman Bartlett, Pastor

10.30. Morning worship with Christmas message by the pastor.
12.00. Bible School. Special Christmas program.
6.00. Senior C. E. at home of Ruth Ward on Pasho Street.
6.00. Intermediate C. E.
7.00 Wednesday. Christmas tree and entertainment for the Bible School.

WEST CHURCH

Congregational. Organized 1826

Rev. Newman Matthews, Pastor

10.30. Public Worship in observance of Christmas.
12.00. Sunday School and Forum Class.
7.00 Tuesday. Christmas Tree and Entertainment of the Sunday School in the Vestry.

SHAWSHEEN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Balmoral Hall
(Non-sectarian)

9.30. School in Balmoral hall.
3.00. Christmas service for children and friends.
6.15. Intermediate C. E.

NORTH PARISH CHURCH

North Andover Centre
Unitarian Organized 1645

Rev. S. C. Beane, Minister

10.30. Rev. S. C. Beane will give A Story Sermon to the children. Christmas music by organ.-Vested choir and Congregation. Church School omitted that the Kindergarten, Church School, Y. P. R. U. and Congregation may unite at this service.
10.10. An automobile leaves the Andover Bookstore for the Unitarian Church at North Andover. All are welcome.
6.00 Monday. Christmas Tree Supper and distribution of presents.

FREE CHURCH

Elm Street
Congregational. Organized 1846

Rev. Alfred C. Church, Pastor

10.30. Christmas sermon by the pastor. Subject: "Three Great Christmas Declarations".
12.00. Church School.
3.00. Pageant Rehearsal.
3.00. Junior Christian Endeavor.
3.45. Standing Committee.
7.00. "While Shepherds Watched," a Christmas Pageant by E. Booth.
7.30 Monday. Church School Christmas Entertainment.
8.00 Tuesday. Brotherhood Basketball.
7.00 Wednesday. A. D. G. Club.
8.00 Wednesday. Carol Singing on Library steps.
7.30 Friday. Boy Scouts.

CHRIST CHURCH

Central Street
Episcopal. Organized 1835

Rev. C. W. Henry, Rector

9.00. Holy Communion.
9.30. Church School.
10.45. Morning prayer and sermon.
6.30. Young People's Fellowship.
4.00 Tuesday. St. Catherine's Guild: Christmas party.
6.30 Wednesday. Church School Christmas pageant.
7.30 Thursday. Christmas Day: Holy Communion.
9.30 Thursday. Christmas Day: Service with Holy Communion and address.
7.00 Friday. Boy Rangers.

PHILLIPS ACADEMY CHAPEL

"On the Hill"

No services until January 11.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

Essex Street
Roman Catholic. Organized 1850

Rev. Charles A. Branton, Pastor

Sunday Masses: 6.30, 9.45, 10.30 a.m.
Holy Day Masses: 5.30, 7.00, 8.30 a.m.
Sunday evening: 7.45. Rosary, Sermon, Benediction.
Baptisms: Sunday 3.00 p.m.
First Friday. Masses: 5.30, 7.30 a.m. Communion! 7.00 a.m.
First Sunday of Month. Communion Day for Sacred Heart Sodality.
Third Sunday of Month: Children's Communion Day.
Fourth Sunday of Month: B. V. M. Sodality Communion Day.
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Escape Injuries as Auto Overturns

Mrs. Alma Daniels of 55 Whittier street, Haverhill, and her young son, had a narrow escape from serious injury Saturday morning when the automobile driven by her turned over on its side after hitting an express truck at Main and Chestnut streets.

The little boy sufferde minor scratches about the ankle and finger. The Andover ambulance was called but was not needed.

Charles Shattuck of Summer street, was operating his truck, going west on Chestnut street, when it was struck by the coach traveling south on Main street. Shattuck had the green light with him, according to the Andover police.

The pleasure car tipped over on its side and was badly wrecked. Mrs. Daniels and her son were shaken up but were able to scramble out of the overturned machine without assistance.

To Stage "The Gossipy Sex"

St. Augustine's Dramatic club will stage "The Gossipy Sex" as its second production of the current season. "The Gossipy Sex" is a comedy in three acts by Lawrence Grattan and was produced by John Golden which in itself is a guarantee to those amusing and human qualities possessed by all plays under his direction.

The weekly dance by the club this evening will be a Mistletoe dance in the Knights of Columbus hall. Billy Casey's Merrymakers will play and another "Miss Charming" will be selected. This will be the fourth to be chosen since the dances were resumed this fall. These selections have added much to the popularity of the dances which have been drawing large crowds each week. The club is giving free checking and free refreshments and several novelty events are introduced each week.

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Novelty 5c and 1c each
Child's Nov'lty Necklaces 25c
Child's Desk Set—blotter, ink stand, pen and letter stand $1.00
Pencil Boxes 10c and 25c
Pins 25c and 50c
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"Weak Spots"

Will Rogers, America's super-humorist, hits the mark so often in his daily sallies that it was not surprising that he should be the one to most effectively reaffirm the rule that many a true word is often spoken in jest. In his recent inimitable reference to present conditions at Washington he pointed out that when somebody calls you names and there is no truth in it and everybody knows there is no truth in it, you don't pay any attention to it or you laugh it off. But if what they call you is hitting at the truth and "kinder getting you in your weak spot" you start hollering and denouncing at once.

Commenting on a recent incident at the capitol Will observes that Mr. Hoover said: "The boys in the Senate are playing politics at human expense" and asks: "Did the boys laugh it off? Not quite. So figure out the answer yourself." The "weak spots" in the Senate hollered and denounced, and are continuing to denounce and debate.

Rogers added to the pleasure of the world by suggesting that an American loving cup be given to Lipton for being the "world's best loser" and there would be general approval if he urged the presentation of leather medals to the "Nation's worst denouncers."

The present situation at Washington calls to mind a letter published some time ago in a New York paper commenting upon the trouble that developed over the confirmation of Charles Evans Hughes as chief justice. Developments of the past few days emphasize the correctness of the sentiment expressed in the communication, which follows:

"That twenty-six Senators should vote to reject so admirable a nomination as that of Mr. Hughes to be Chief Justice is a symptom of aggravated degeneracy in a body now habituated to decadence. For many years the Senate has been squandering its prestige. Once the overshadowing branch of Congress, once able to battle with the President for precedence on the Washington stage, once boasting of itself as the most august deliberative body on earth, it now finds few who remember its great tradition or are willing to do it reverence because of its ancient glory. Formerly composed of men who stood to measure up to exacting standards, it has now become too largely a refuge for marplots and mediocrities, whose controlling motives in politics are envy, suspicion and trouble-making. The public will stand for a good deal, but not long for a system which is making the Senate a laughing-stock and a nuisance."

State Income Tax

Tax Commissioner Long has made a suggestion in regard to the state income tax that should be carried out. He has recommended to the legislature that the state tax be paid on a quarterly basis.

Federal income taxes are collected in that manner and there seems to be no reason why the state should not assume the same attitude toward the taxpayers, in this respect, that the national government does.

It is often the case that the state tax is the larger of the two assessments. But whatever its total it has been burdensome to many persons to be required to pay the full amount within fifteen days of the date it is due.

Many citizens feel that the state income tax is oppressive anyway. The least that can be done about it, then, is to make partial payments possible.

Editorial Cinders

"Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire, called Conscience."—George Washington.

If it is too late now to do your Christmas shopping early, at least you can do it now before it becomes too late altogether.

The zeal the people of Andover are showing to help correct the conditions arising from unemployment is encouraging and inspiring. Local organizations, including lodges, the Grange, and the clubs, as well as welfare organizations and church societies, are devoting the proceeds of many of their entertainments and other activities to charitable work. Helpfulness is more than ever the watchword of the various groups that go to make up the town's social and religious life.

After completing a football season that compared well with the record of past years the Punchard football squad was tendered the customary banquet at the high school last evening. Deserved tribute was paid to Coach Lovely, his assistant and the team. Punchard has been notably successful in winning its objective game with Methuen for many years and this season again showed superiority. Credit for this is due to the players, who have worked hard for success, and especially to Coach Lovely, who has guided his boys so skillfully for many years. Captain Rondeau deserves the heartiest congratulations of Andover citizens for this season's attainments and Captain-Elect Gouck has heartiest wishes for a successful season next fall.

The Christmas tree in the square again will bring cheer to townspeople as well as to the many thousands who pass through here in automobiles. Whether the holiday illumination in homes and communities is elaborate or simple it has become so general that it helps greatly to spread the sentiment of the season.

The death of Dr. William E. Barton, a religious and moral leader, biographer of Lincoln, and scholar and writer of note, will be keenly felt in Andover where he was particularly well known and where, for years, his influence was exerted through his editorial work on the Congregationalist. His helpful activities had been distributed through the whole country and many thousands more than those who knew him personally will feel a sense of personal loss in his death at sixty-nine.

In connection with the Tercentenary celebration a handsome volume on "Historical Markers of the Massachusetts Bay Colony" has been issued. It is full of interesting thumbnail references to the earliest settled towns in the commonwealth. Andover is described: "Indian region called Cochichawick, settled in 1643, named after Andover in Hampshire in 1646. The home of two famous American women, Anne Bradstreet and Harriet Beecher Stowe. Seat of Phillips Andover academy." An amusing discrepancy occurs when, after trying to settle the controversy over the proper spelling of Merrimack river by stating that the "k" at the end of the word is officially correct, it refers to Tyng's island in the Merrimac. Even proof-readers sometimes err.

Skating is an excellent sport and the opportunity to indulge in the exhilarating exercise should be taken advantage of, but—beware of thin ice!

Don't forget to buy Christmas seals. Use them on all packages and letters.

Merry Christmas to all.

Carol Singing Christmas Eve

It was voted at the Community meeting held at the Guild Thursday evening to conduct carol singing Christmas Eve. All churches and clubs are invited to participate in the undertaking. Groups wishing to take part are requested to communicate at once with Miss Davis, Superintendent of the Guild. Names of shut-ins or persons confined to their homes because of illness should also be reported to the Guild. Effort will be made to cover every name reported with a group of singers.

Rev. F. A. Wilson will arrange the lists and routes of those reporting so that duplication may be avoided. The leader of each group will be provided with names and addresses.

The carol singers will assemble at 8 o'clock in front of the Library where J. Everett Collins will conduct mass singing. After singing a few of the favorite carols the groups will take the routes assigned them.

Carol song sheets may be secured free of charge through the Andover Guild.

Mothers' Club Holds Christmas Party

The Andover Mothers' club held a Christmas tree party Monday afternoon at the home of the president, Mrs. Alexander Crockett on South Main street. The house was prettily decorated with evergreen, pine boughs and poinsettias. Each member received a gift which was taken from the tree by Santa Claus. The tree was beautifully decorated with ornaments and lights.

A dance by Joan and Peter, the Midgets from England, was enjoyed.

Games were played. The winner of the cat game was Mrs. Annie P. Davis and the winner of the guessing game was Mrs. John Urquhart.

Refreshments of sandwiches, cake, fancy cookies, coffee, candy and peanuts were served by Mrs. Alexander Crockett, Mrs. Walter Downs and Mrs. Asa Stocks.

Those present were Mrs. Joseph Miller, Mrs. John Scherner, Mrs. John Urquhart, Mrs. Fred L. Collins, Mrs. Ralph Manning, Mrs. George Brown, Mrs. Crockett, Mrs. Walter Downs, Mrs. Annie P. Davis, Mrs. Henry Albers, Mrs. Timothy McCarthy, Mrs. Ralph Berry, Mrs. Asa Stocks and Mrs. William Brown.

Community Christmas Service on December 28th

A community Christmas service sponsored by the Andover Guild will be held in the Town hall Sunday evening, December 28, beginning at 7:45 o'clock.

A devotional service will be held preceding the presentation of the pageant "While Shepherds Watched". This pageant will be directed by Emanuel Booth and will be given by the same cast of characters who will take part on December 21 at the Free church. The carol singing will be directed by John Alexander.

The program has been arranged by Miss Margaret Davis, superintendent of the Andover Guild. Charles Hill will arrange the lighting effects and the decorations will be by Fred E. Cheever. Mrs. Robert Franz, Mrs. Lewellyn Pomeroy and Mrs. Augustine Bodenrader are members of the committee to provide a lunch for the members of the pageant cast between the afternoon rehearsal and the evening performance.

A beautiful hemlock tree has been placed in Elm square by workmen under the direction of Ralph Berry, tree warden. I. R. Kimball was the committee on the erection and decorating of the tree.

On Christmas Eve, there will be carol singing on the steps of Memorial hall beginning at eight o'clock led by J. Everett Collins and continuing for half an hour. Groups of carol singers will then visit various parts of town to sing to the sick and shut-ins.

Shawsheen Lodge Election Held

Mrs. Carl Elander was leected to second term as president of Shawsheen lodge, 203, S. F. A., and other officers were chosen at the annual election held last Friday evening in St. George's hall, Lawrence. A benefit whist was planned to be held in February, the proceeds to be given towards a sick member.

Other officers-elect are vice president, Alexander Waldie; past president, Eric Elander; secretary, Frank Elander; financial secretary; Mrs. John Fredrickson; treasurer, Mrs. Alexander Waldie; marshal, Louis Peterson and Walter Lind; chaplain, Marion Elander; outside guard, John Fredrickson; inside guard, Edward Elander.

ANNUAL MINSTREL SHOW

(Continued from page 1)

End Song—Gee, But I'd Like to Make You Happy — Charles Gilliard
Selection—The Song of Songs — Carl Wetterberg
End Song—Jimbo Jambo — James Ryley
Specialty—Donald the Dub — Henry Fairweather
End Song—Topical Song — John M. Erving
End Song and Closing Chorus—Betty Co-ed — William C. Hatch

The members of the chorus were: Roy E. Hardy, Horace C. Bodwell, James Gillespie, David L. Coutts, Arthur Janes, Charles Scobie, John Carse, I. R. Kimball, Harry Sellars, Harry Chadwick, Frank P. Higgins, Fred L. Winkley, Fred. E. Cheever, Matthew Burns, Philip L. Hardy, George Page, Fred Gilliard, James Scobie, Osborne Sutton, Edward Bradford, Homer Wadman, Burton Whitcomb, W. R. Hill, Sidney White, George Carmichael, George A. Christie.

The ushers were: Fred H. Morrison, K. R. Batchelder, Nathaniel Chadwick, James P. Christie, Harry Wadman, Charles E. Foster.

The members of the committee of arrangements were: David R. Lawson, chairman, Henry E. Miller, Charles A. Hill, William C. Hatch, Harry I. Emmons, Arthur W. Hall, Charles T. Gilliard, William Midgely, David L. Coutts, Herbert E. Porter, Fred L. Winkley, Stanley A. Pratt.

Author of "It's a Great War" Speaks Before November Club

Miss Mary Lee, author of "It's a Great War" was the speaker at the November club on Monday afternoon. She prefaced the story of the writing of her book by expressing her pleasure in being in Andover at this season of the year where she had often come as a child to spend Thanksgiving at the home of her grandparents.

The actual writing of the book was not begun until five years after the close of the war. In reply to oft-repeated inquiries as to whether or not she kept a diary in order to remember such an infinite amount of detail. Miss Lee said that the difficulty was not to remember, but to forget the war and the impressions which crowded on those who had lived through it. As a matter of fact, members of the A. E. F. were not allowed to keep journals, and even if it had been allowed, the days were likely to be either hours of unmitigated boredom, when there was nothing to record, or days of excitement in which there was no time for writing.

The incidents recorded are, according to Miss Lee, typical of those which happened to all Y. M. C. A. workers, either her own experiences or those which happened to men and women personally known to her.

So popular is "It's a Great War" that it is being translated into Polish, Spanish, Dutch and German. The difficulty of reproducing American idioms and slang in foreign languages, although doubtless very trying to the author, were made very entertaining to her audience as she recounted them.

At the close of the program, tea was served with Mrs. Walter Lamont and Mrs. Frank H. Hardy, pouring.

Decorated Christmas trees were on either side of the stage and club members gifts intended for the less fortunate children of Andover were piled beneath them. Candle lights on the windows also gave evidence of Christmas cheer.

The department of literature met on Wednesday, November 17, with Miss Julia Twichell, Bartlet street.

The department of drama ,meets this afternoon at three o'clock with Mrs. Oswald Tower, Phillips street.

The Christmas party at the Andover Infirmary is being held this afternoon with Mrs. Francis K. Murray and Mrs. Ernest D. Walen as the committee of arrangements.

The next meeting of the November club will be held on Monday, January 5 when Mrs. Eleanor Brooks Gulick will speak on "In the Days of Bicycles and Bustles" by Ralph David Blumenfield.

Obituaries

DAVID SCOTT LINDSAY

David Scott Lindsay, for sixty years a resident of Andover, passed away Tuesday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Rylance Platt, 26 Kenwood place, Lawrence. The deceased was born in Scotland seventy years ago. For forty-nine years his work was in the provision market at 2 Main street, at first as an employee of Valpey Brothers, after the death of Ezra Valpey as one of the owners of the business and for the last five years as its sole proprietor. He retired less than two months ago.

Though he had not been enjoying good health for the past three months his illness was not considered serious until two weeks ago when a sudden change in his condition confined him to his bed. He is survived by his wife, Annie Belle Lindsay; one son, Roy W. Lindsay of Buffalo, N. Y., and one daughter, Mrs. Rylance Platt.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at two o'clock in the Free Christian church, by Rev. Alfred C. Church, pastor, and Rev. Frederick Wilson, pastor emeritus. Burial was in Spring Grove cemetery.

The bearers were: Dana Clark, David L. Coutts, Alvin E. Tough, Walter Platt, Alexander Lindsay and Claremont Gray.

MRS. EUGENE P. (TUCKER) FOSS

Mrs. Ella P. (Tucker) Foss, wife of Eugene P. Foss of Auburn, N. H., passed away Thursday morning at the home of her son, Albert E. Foss, on South Main street. The deceased was a former resident of North Andover. For a number of years she has been living in Auburn, N. H. She is survived by her husband, Eugene P. Foss; three sons, Fred G., of Hillside, N. J., Albert E., of Andover and Ernest W., of Auburn, N. H.; one daughter, Mrs. George Dunham of Andover and one brother, Warren C. Tucker of Haverhill; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

The funeral will be held from the home of her son on South Main street, Saturday afternoon. Services will be conducted at two o'clock by Rev. Frederick B. Noss, pastor of the South church. Interment will be in the family lot in Ridgewood cemetery, North Andover.

MRS. ISAAC OSGOOD

Mrs. Lora M. Osgood, widow of the late Isaac F. Osgood and a lifelong resident of North Andover, died at her home at 32 Osgood street, that town, Thursday evening, December 11, at the age of eight-three. Mrs. Osgood was born in Andover, October 28, 1847. She is survived by one son, Isaac Osgood, four grandchildren and a brother, Charles L. White at Los Angeles, California.

The funeral was held Sunday at the North Parish Unitarian church with services conducted by Rev. Samuel C. Beane. Interment was at Ridgewood cemetery, North Andover

The bearers were George Cole of Methuen. Carl Vetter, Abbot Stevens and Dr. Harold, B. Chandler of West Newton.

Marriage

December 13, 1930, at 82 Union street, Methuen, by Rev. J. B. Andre, Herbert Lanouette of Methuen and Lily Greenfield of 20 Magnolia avenue, Andover.

Christmas at Andover Guild

Christmas is always a busy time at the Guild and a series of good times are scheduled for the holiday season.

The first party was conducted Thursday afternoon by Mrs. Henry Hopper and Mrs. Frederick Stott for their "Fun Club" of fifty little children. The leaders contributed an interesting entertainment program followed by a generous serving of Christmas goodies.

Thursday evening a meeting was held at the Guild House to plan for the Community Christmas program. All the local churches and a number of organizations sent representatives to participate. It was planned to conduct carol singing the evening of December 24th with all groups starting from the library steps at eight after having been led in mass singing by J. Everett Collins.

It was voted to conduct the Community Service at the Town Hall Sunday evening, December 28th at 7.30 with all the churches contributing to the devotional service. The principal feature of the program will be the Christmas Pageant arranged and directed by Emmanuel Booth with the cooperation of Free Church leaders and young people. No admission charge will be made.

Miss Elizabeth Perry is planning a Christmas surprise Saturday morning for her Kindergarten Play Class.

On Saturday evening at 7.30 a moving picture show will be presented in the gymnasium as a treat to the Guild young people. This has been arranged by Mrs. Henry Hopper and C. E. Towne. The show is being sponsored by the Free Church.

At the Guild House Monday afternoon at 2.30 the Junior King's Daughters of the South Church will entertain the Baby Clinic conducted by Miss Marie Campbell. Miss Constance Wade is acting chairman of this undertaking.

On December 24th, several hundred children will be entertained at the Christmas party conducted by the Guild. Santa Claus, a tree, and refreshments are promised as well as story-telling by Mrs. K. F. Murray and an interesting program by the Junior Dramatic Club. Invitation tickets are being distributed this week for the party. The affair is being sponsored by the Toc H Club of Phillips Academy, Andover Mothers' Club and interested individuals. Used toys in good condition and additional refreshment supplies are needed.

A party for several hundred older Guild members will be conducted the evening of December 26. The committee chairmen of this affair are as follows: Alfred Bissett, decoration; John Burbine, entertainment; Bonnie Ruxton, refreshments; and Margaret Waldie, favors. Mrs. Frank Crawford of the Women's Cooking Class will assist the young people in their arrangements.

An Invitation

Down among the hills and valleys
Stands the Old South Church in silence
While its lofty spire is pointing
Straight into the gates of Heaven
House of God and of religion
Consecrated unto worship.

From its portals wide and lofty
Have gone out in days departed
Men and women pledged to service
Taking with them words of comfort
Words of love and admonition
To the far and distant countries
That all lands might know of Jesus.

When you hear the church bell ringing
Early on a Sabbath morning
'Tis the voice of God that calls you
Calls out unto all the people
That they come within and worship
Worship Christ and God the Father
Worship Him with prayer and singing
That our lives may be still richer
As our fellowship is broader.

There amidst the hills and valleys
Stands the Old South Church in silence
Waiting there is solemn silence
Consecrated to religion.

A. W. B.

Christ Church Christmas Pageant

There is a wonderful life of expectation among children at Christmas time. It is a spirit which ought to live in all of us. Christmas Eve is a symbol of this happy attitude, and on Christmas Eve the children of Christ church school will take part in the Pageant of the Nativity in the church, a lovely introduction to Christmas Day. The various characters of the Nativity Story will be represented, the carols and hymns will be sung by all, led by the regular choir of Christ church under direction of Mr. Brown, and with a solo by Mrs. Mary Harris, and gifts will be presented by all the classes at the children's altar.

This pageant will take place at 6:30 P. M. and grown-up people are cordially invited to attend with the children.

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Abbot Academy Notes

Santa Claus's visit on Saturday the thirteenth of December was a great success, and he was heartily welcomed by many small boys and girls who were spending an active afternoon in Davis hall. The Christmas vesper service, led by Miss Bailey on the fourteenth, brought again the old familiar verses which have been said for so many years at Abbot academy.

On Wednesday evening, December 17, Miss Bailey entertained friends, the faculty, and the students at a "carol-singing, candle-light party". In addition to the carol written last year by Marianne Hirst, and set to music by Mr. Howe, a new original carol, composed by Miss Beatrice Ward, was sung by the choir which is under her leadership. French, Spanish, Latin, and the old English carols were sung. The memory of the evening is a happy one to carry through the holidays. The date of return for the boarding school is January 7. The first chapel service of the winter term is on January 8, 1931.

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Give Christmas Pageant at Punchard School

A Christmas pageant with tableaux, readings and Christmas music was given in Punchard hall this noon by pupils of the school.

Opening with the singing of "Silent Night" by a hidden choir, the tableaux of the Three Wise Men, the Shepherds and the Manger pictured the story of the first Christmas. The music also included "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful," "We Three Kings of Orient Are", "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night" an old French Noel, "Joy to the World" and "Adeste Fideles."

Those who took part in the pageant were:

The First Narrator — James O'Donnell
The Second Narrator — Albert Swenson
The Three Wise Men — Soren Loosigian, William Juhlmann, Donald Day
The Five Shepherds — George Simpson, John Maguire, Lester Hilton, George Connolly, Edward Gill
The Angel — Lola Todd
Mary — Wilma Corliss
Joseph — Douglas Stott

The members of the hidden choir were Ruth Scannell, Betty Manning, Mary Dwyer, Grace Hatch, Samuel Furness, Robert Deyermond, Thomas Gorrie and George Bredbury.

Those who sang in the vested choir were Janet Poirier, Virginia Abercrombie, Isabel Fraser, Jean Wilson, June MacLellan, Doris Anderson, Josephine Daly, Ruth Pratt, Edith Stott, Barbara Hammond, Eleanor Jenkins, Isabel Batchelder, Grace Russell, Betty Buchan, Bertha Hilton, Helene Hall.

The singers were trained by Miss Miriam Sweeney, supervisor of music. Miss Mary L. Smith and Miss Marjorie Smith designed and executed the costumes with the help of Jeannette Amedee, Jessie Kinnair, Ruth Swenson, Dorothy Dodge and Louise Holt.

The stage was set and the tableaux and lighting effects were arranged by Mervin E. Stevens. Miss Dorothy Farnham and members of the art department lent their assistance in the decorations.

Maine Central Railroad Names Andover Man Superintendent

In Portland papers on December 16, announcement was made by H. F. Noyes, superintendent of motive power of Maine Central railroad of the appointment of Philip K. Jenkins as superintendent of car maintenance. Mr. Jenkins is the son of the late E. Kendall Jenkins Esq., 39 School street.

He entered railroad service in 1901 with the Boston & Maine and was made foreman for Portland Terminal at the South Portland shop in 1911. In 1919 he was made General Foreman holding this position till 1928 when he became chief inspector of piece-work, serving in this capacity until his recent appointment.

Rebekah Christmas Tree

The annual Christmas tree party for members was held Monday evening at the meeting of Indian Ridge Rebekah lodge, 136, I. O. O. F. Four Christmas trees were decorated in the assembly hall and the dining room was also decorated in keeping with the spirit of Yuletide. Gifts were exchanged by the members and refreshments were served. Carols were sung and games played during the social hour.

The members of the committee were: Mrs. Grace Lake, chairman; Mrs. Millie B. Hammond, Mrs. William H. Faulkner, Mrs. Charles S. Buchan, Mrs. Carl Elander, Mrs. Elmer Conkey, Mrs. William A. Stevens, Mrs. Albert Ruhl, Miss Jennie Cuthbert, Mrs. Alexander MacKenzie, Mrs. James Edgar and Miss Millie MacLeod.

A New Years party will be held at the next meeting with special entertainment. Mrs. Donald Laurie is in charge.

Public Health Nurse to Assist in Placing of Christmas Baskets

Mrs. Lotta Johnson, public health nurse, wishes to announce to persons wishing to give Christmas baskets that she will be glad to furnish names of deserving families for whom provision has not already been arranged. This suggestion is made in order that Christmas generosity may be more evenly distributed and avoid the misfortune of some person's going without while others receive more than is necessary.

She also makes an appeal to those who receive more than one Christmas basket, to notify her by telephoning Stacey's drug store, 242, even as late as Christmas eve, so that they may, with her assistance, share their good things with those less fortunate.

Mothers' Club Holds Whist Party

The Andover Mothers' club held a successful whist and bridge party Wednesday evening in the Andover Square and Compass club hall.

Mrs. Ralph Berry was chairman of the committee in charge, and was assisted by Mrs. Alexander Crockett, Mrs. Robert Franz, Mrs. Timothy McCarthy and Mrs. Annie P. Davis.

Souvenirs were awarded the highest scorers of the evening as follows: Necktie, Walter Downs; necklace, James Douglass; five pounds sugar, Mrs. George Brown; one pound coffee, Mrs. Ralph Manning; tie, Ralph Berry; jar preserves, Mrs. Fred L. Collins; bath towels, Mrs. William Rowe; bath salts, Mrs. Alexander cCrockett; dish, Mrs. Henry Albers; one-half dozen sherbet dishes, Mrs. Walter Downes; box stationery, Herbert Ford; powder puff and handkerchief, Harry Dennison; kneeling pad, Mrs. George York; letter opener, Mrs. Annie P. Davis; consolation, Mrs. William Brown; punchers, Mrs. Ralph Berry and Mrs. Timothy McCarthy.

FOOTBALL SUPPER

(Continued from page 1)

Cooking—Ruth Hall, Elaenor Ward.
Menu—Jeanette Meehan, Constance Wade.
Care dishes and silver—Virginia Abercrombie.
Cleaning up—Phyllis Smeltzer, Eleanor Jenkins, Grace Hatch.

Plan for Children's Party

Final arrangements were made at a joint committee meeting Tuesday evening for the annual Christmas tree party for children of members of Garfield lodge, 172, Knights of Pythias, and Garfield temple, 56, Pythian Sisters. The party will be held Saturday evening at 6.30 in Fraternal hall.

Baptist Church Notes

The W. W. G. girls will meet this evening at 7.45 with Mrs. Alexander Crockett at her home on South Main street.

The Bible school will hold a special Christmas program Christmas eve with an entertainment program starting at seven o'clock.

Christ Church Notes

Tomorrow (Saturday) Santa Claus will make an early appearance in the Parish House. At 2.30 p.m. Mrs. Arthur Bliss, Miss Clark and their helpers will have the children of the kindergarten and primary departments at a party, with presents, games and refreshments around the Christmas tree. The rest of the School wait until Twelfth night, January 6, 1931 for their party.

Thinking of the true spirit of Christmas, the Church School pageant of the Nativity will be given in Christ Church on Wednesday, Christmas Eve, at 6.30 o'clock. Miss Shirley McKee is in charge of the Pageant, which is always a lovely occasion. The friends of the School are invited.

On Christmas Day the two services of Holy Communion will be at 7.30 and 9.30 a.m. At the latter service the choir will sing.

The Advent services have been well attended and many listened to the special topic, "Allegiance to Christ". Rev. Father Otis, Rev. Mr. Craighill and the Educational Secretary, Rev. Mr. Bradner, have each given a pertinent message. It was a privilege last Sunday to see so many families present on "Family Sunday". Sunday, the last address, "Allegiance to Christ in Thought", will be given by the Rector.

At the Christmas Eve service the children are asked to bring canned goods like soups, cereals in packages and nuts—nothing perishable, for distribution at Christmas time and later.

The church choir will stage its annual minstrel show the latter part of January.

St. Catherine's Guild met Tuesday afternoon in the parish house to plan for the Christmas party to be held next week.

Reads Paper on "Gravity Submerged" Written by Lieutenant

Members of the Andover Natural History society enjoyed the privilege of listening to an extremely interesting paper written by Lieutenant Dow Hamblin, U. S. N., and read by his father, Nathan C. Hamblin at a meeting held in the Punchard building on Tuesday evening. Lieutenant Hamblin was one of the officers on board the submarine which made a five-weeks' trip through the Caribbean sea in the fall of 1928 in the interests of scientific research. The purpose of the expedition was to determine the force of gravity and the density of the earth's crust at given points on the sea floor. Deductions from such observations have an important bearing on various scientific problems.

For those unfamiliar with the construction or principle of operating a submarine the paper was particularly interesting and illuminating.

Children's Christmas Party Held—Aids Appointed by Department Head

A Christmas tree party for children of the members was held under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary to Walter L. Raymond camp, 111, Sons of Veterans in G. A. R. hall Monday evening. Sixteen children were entertained and presented with gifts. Games were played and refreshments served.

The members of the committee were: Mrs. Leon Gray, chairman; Mrs. Herbert Kent, Miss Edna Bradshaw, Mrs. Nelson Townsend and Mrs. James MacCord.

During the evening Mrs. William H. Navin retiring president of the auxiliary, was presented with a bouquet, the presentation being made by Mrs. Gray in behalf of Miss Anna Neas who was unable to attend.

Three members of the corps have received appointments from the department president as follows: Department aid, Mrs. Henry S. Wright; division aid, Miss Ruth Folley and S. of V. Aid, Mrs. Nelson Townsend.

Real Estafe Transfers

The following real estate transactions have been recorded at the Lawrence registry of deeds:

George E. Hussey to Andover Village Improvement Society.

Frank A. Buttrick to Bertha M. Smith.

Bertha M. Smith to Frank A. Buttrick et ux.

William M. Hall to Watson Park Company.

David Hartigan to John J. Hartigan.

Henry S. Hopper to Giocchino J. Cavallero et ux.

Francis H. Foster to Everett N. Bates et al.

Louis D. Morel to Arthur C. Duhamel et ux.

Ellen E. Foster Est. to Thomas E. McDonnell.

Thos. E. McDonnell to Laura G. Ward.

Andover Contributes to Christmas Seal Sale

Mrs. Joseph Higginson, chairman of the Christmas Seal Sale in Andover reports that nearly $800 has been received so far by the local committee. While these returns are considered generally satisfactory, officials of the Andover committee are appealing for the cooperation of everyone in the town in order to assure the success of the drive.

For those who have not acknowledged in any way the receipt of the Tuberculosis seals here is a word of advice. These persons not only increase the work of the tuberculosis society but also the expense. Added expense is involved because it is customary to send a follow up letter to persons who have not replied. We believe the failure to act is due in many cases to an oversight. This work is a community enterprise and everyone can and should have a part in the financial end of the project as well as in the practical work of using precautions that will decrease the spread of tuberculosis and other communicable diseases. The work of the association is so broad and its needs so great that assurance is given to those who have not yet responded that their money can and will be spent to the advantage of the community as a whole.

Free Church Notes

Sunday was financial Sunday at the Free church. The sermon was preached by the pastor, Rev. Alfred C. Church, who took "Giving" as his topic. Letters were sent out the past week to members of the church requesting the annual donations to the church fund.

The Junior C. E. society was organized Sunday afternoon and the senior society met Sunday evening with William Bradford as leader.

The Primary department of the church school will hold its annual Christmas tree party in the vestry Saturday afternoon at three o'clock with the superintendent, Mrs. Clarence Towne in charge.

The Junior, Intermediate and Senior C. E. societies will hold their combined Christmas tree party Monday evening, December 22, in the vestry.

Next Sunday will be Christmas Sunday at the Free church. Rev. Alfred C. Church, pastor, will preach on "The Divine Adventure." The Christmas pageant, "While Shepherds Watch" will be given in the church Sunday evening at 7.00 under the personal direction of Emmanuel Booth, the author. The pageant will be repeated Sunday evening, December 28, in the Town hall for the benefit of the Andover Guild.

Hold Saturday Night Supper and Christmas Sale

A Saturday night supper consisting of baked beans, cold roast pork, cole slaw, graham and white rolls, apple pie and ice cream and coffee was served in the Baptist church vestry on December 13.

Aprons and fancy articles suitable for Christmas gifts were also on sale. The affair was held under the auspices of the Ladies' Mission Circle and the Philathea class with Mrs. Colver J. Stone and Mrs. Clare W. Norton as joint chairmen.

The sub-committees were:

Supper—Mrs. Clare W. Norton, Mrs. Charles A. Stone, Mrs. George Dufton, Mrs. Clinton H. Stevens, Hrs. Harry L. Dennison.

Decorations—Mrs. Clifford W. Dunnells, and Mrs. Merle Bourneman.

Aprons and fancy articles— Mrs. Walker Holden and Mrs. Ellis Hudson.

Candy—Mrs. George Piddington and Mrs. Albert W. Lowe.

Needless Alarm Sounded

Burning papers flying from the chimney of the Cheever house, 157 Main street, prompted several Phillips academy boys to warn the occupants of a possible roof fire on the house about seven o'clock last Friday evening and a call was sent in for the fire department, Box 46 at the corner of Main and Morton streets was sounded and Combinations 2 and 3 and Ladder 1 responded. It was discovered that the starting of the fire in the fireplace was the cause of the flying papers from the chimney and no damage resulted.

Professor Boynton Speaks on "Tendencies in American Fiction"

Comparing present American fiction to the newly-mastered voice of a youth, Professor Percy Boynton of Chicago University discussed this part of our literature in a talk given last Friday night in George Washington hall.

Dr. Boynton declared that only the novelist could truly picture the American civilization. He traced the development of fiction from the late eighteenth century to the present day, describing this development as that of a boy. At last, he said, America has come of age and our contemporary novelists are portraying American life clearly.

In commenting on the award of the Nobel prize for literature to Sinclair Lewis, Dr. Boynton stated that the writer's books were read with too little understanding, and that Lewis represents a grown-up America, reviewing the follies of its adolescence in preparation for future achievements.

Final Degree Under Old Ritual

A delegation from Garfield lodge, 172, Knights of Pythias, witnessed the final exemplification of the rank of knight under the old ritual Thursday evening at the meeting of Peter Woodland lodge in Lynn. The party made the trip to Lynn in machines.

Garfield lodge met Tuesday evening when routine business was transacted.

Legion Charity Whist Successful

Andover post, 8, American Legion, held a successful charity card party Tuesday evening in the Legion hall. Bridge and whist were played. The entire proceeds will go toward charity. James Sparks served as chairman of the committee in charge. The punchers were: Thomas Davies, Arthur Jowett, James Sparks, Harry Hilton, Joseph A. McCarthy and Arthur L. Coleman.

Prizes were awarded to the high scorers as follows: Ethel Hilton, potatoes; Arthur Mitchell, butter; Fred Keuhner, basket of fruit; Mrs. Ernest Gauthier, apples; James Nicoll, sugar; Frank Dooley, squash; Harold Conkey, potatoes; Alex Ness, potatoes; Doris Hilton, flour; Patrick J. Barrett, squash; W. F. Sharpe, potatoes; Mary Leary, coffee; John F. Hurley, apples; Mrs. Robert Christie, potatoes; Mrs. William A. Stevens, apples; James Sparks Jr., apples; Mrs. Annie P. Davis, potatoes, Mrs. Ina Campbell, apples.

The committee in charge was: James Sparks, chairman, assisted by Commander Arthur L. Coleman, Herman Hilton, Joseph A. McCarthy, Austin Reed, George D. Walsh, Frank P. Markey, Fred Keuhner, Joseph A. Miller, William Buchan, Joseph T. Remmes, Thomas Davies, Douglas Hutcheson, Michael Manning, Robert Christie, Paul Cheney and Harry Hilton. The proceeds of this party will be used for charity.

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And this through windows shrunken overmuch,
As sleazy woolen shrinks when overwashed.
Within, a barny room, with walls devoid
Of maps, and ceilings low. In winter, the
Shivering cold seeks shelter here in vain.
Save midway the room. Here, rusty stove, well stoked
With wood, blows heat through rusty pipe o'erhead.
To overheat all heads beneath, while ink
Congeals near outside wall. In this cold, heated room, I've sat with
Ninety scholars, both boys and girls, both young
And old, conglomerate yet commingling.
In this large group were fisherboys fresh home
From "Summer's haul" on Grand Banks. Here, also,
Was she who later was the teacher's wife.
How could one's mind grow sharp and strong in such
A barny school? Impossible! we're told.

Yet from such schools there has emerged a class
Of men renowned; fit-minded men, and women, too,
Who never sought an easy path to goal;
With eye on prize no obstacle they knew.
Will houses modernly equipped, with
Science's latest methods, o'ertop, think you,
This sturdier type of minds? Is knowledge
Gained more easily in palace than in
Barn? Most patiently we watch its fruit to show.

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Odd Fellows Second Degree Conferred

The honors of the second degree of Odd Fellowship were conferred on five candidates Wednesday evening at the meeting of Andover lodge, 230, I. O. O. F., in Fraternal hall. One candidate was from Hope lodge, 34, of Methuen and the other four from United Brothers lodge, 122, of Lawrence. The degree was exemplified by the degree team of the local lodge. A social hour was enjoyed after the exemplification of the degree and refreshments were served by the committee. It was voted to omit the meeting next week as it would fall on Christmas eve.

South Church Notes

A Christmas tree party for the primary and beginners' departments of the church school will be held in the vestry Saturday afternoon at two o'clock.

Miss Alice Bell, superintendent of the Cradle Roll, will be pleased to get the names of all new babies born in the church during the past year.

The sermon for next Sunday, Christmas Sunday, will be on the birth of the unseen Christ.

The Courteous Circle of The King's Daughters has entered into two new departments, the Junior Courteous Circle and a still younger group of Joy Spreaders. These groups have been growing in numbers and enthusiasm under the direction of Mrs. Alvin J. Zink, Just now they are preparing to give a Christmas party for the mothers of the children who attend the clinic at the guild. The officers of the Junior Courteous Circle are: President Eleanor Barnard; vice president, Barbara Hammond; treasurer, Mary Barnard; secretary, Evelyn Higginson. Those of the Joy Spreaders are: President, Eleanor Hathaway; vice president, Bettie Bodwell; treasurer, Elizabeth Jenkins; secretary, Clara Holland.

South Church Christian Endeavor Notes

The senior Christian Endeavor society of the South church will hold a cande-light service on Sunday in the vestry with the parents and freinds as guests.

County President Max Hopkins of Beverly visited the society on Sunday evening.

A Christmas social will be held on December 30.

Left Machine in Wrong Garage

Harry Meadowcroft of 36 Washington avenue had occasion to believe that a Santa Claus really existed late Saturday evening about eleven o'clock when he opened the doors of his garage to put up his car for the night. Instead of being empty he found the garage occupied by a 1929 Ford sedan, slick and shiny, which bore the registration 414-069.

Believing the car to have been stolen and cached in his garage, Meadowcroft notified the Andover police who took the machine away. By checking up the registration the sedan was found to belong to Harold F. Boyer of 110 Pleasant street, Wakefield.

It developed however, that Boyer had been staying in town for the night and had made arrangements to leave his machine in a neighbor's garage. He mistook his directions and left the machine in the Meadowcroft's garage instead of the one intended.

Profits from "Powder and Patches" Begin to Help the Needy

Members of the Tuesday club wish to express their appreciation to all those who patronized "Powder and Patches" or who helped in any way in its successful presentation.

The sum of $184 was realized and a portion of this sum has been placed with Mrs. Lotta Johnson to be expended in the purchase of fuel for needy families.

Books Needed for Tewksbury

Detective stories, tales of adventure and romance—these are the stock-in-trade of the book wagon which serves the three thousand patients at Tewksbury. Certain patients need and appreciate a different kind of thing—a good novel, popular science, biography, or travel. One patient requests Macaulay's "History of England"; another "With Lawrence in Arabia."

Gifts of books will be greatly appreciated and may be sent directly to the State Infirmary at Tewksbury, or to the home of Mary Byers Smith, 57 Central street, Andover.

To Stage Old-Time Minstrel Show

Clan Johnston, 185, O. S. C., will stage an old-time minstrel performance in Fraternal hall Friday evening, December 26. Robert Dobbie will serve as interlocutor and the end men will be: James Williams, Alex Duke, Charles Valentine and David Robb.

Police Shanty Is Again Hit

The police shanty in Andover square which bears the marks of numerous encounters with skidding and negligently operated automobiles, came to grief Monday afternoon when a machine operated by James Terlici of 2 Chester street, Malden crashed into it and sent it tumbling from its moorings.

The wooden structure survived the mishap, however, and the passing of a few hours saw the shanty back in service again keeping the ears, hands and toes of the Andover officers protected from the cruel wind as they directed traffic.

Leonard Saunders had just left the booth when the accident happened.

Pythian Sisters' New Officers

The following officers have been elected to serve Garfield temple, 56, Pythian Sisters, for the ensuing year: Most excellent chief, Mrs. Thomas B. Gorrie; excellent senior, Mrs. David A. MacDonald; excellent junior, Mrs. John McGrath; manager, Mrs. Kerr Sparks; mistress of records and correspondence, Mrs. Frank Poland; mistress of finance, Mrs. Robert Lowe; protector, Mrs. James C. Souter; guard, Mrs. Fred Westcott; degree master and pianist, Thomas B. Gorrie. The new officers will be installed at the meeting January 26.

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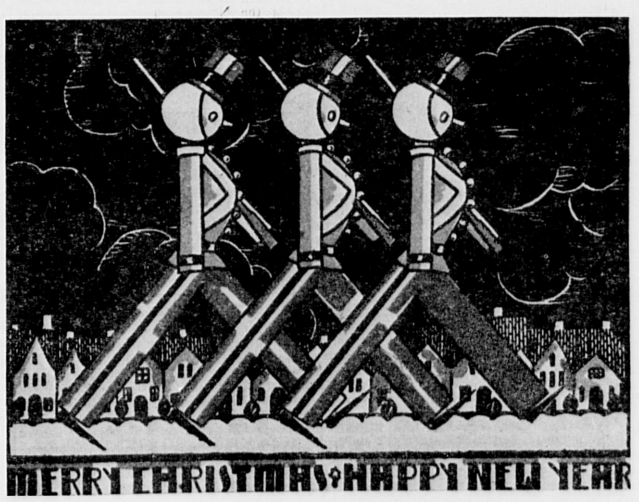
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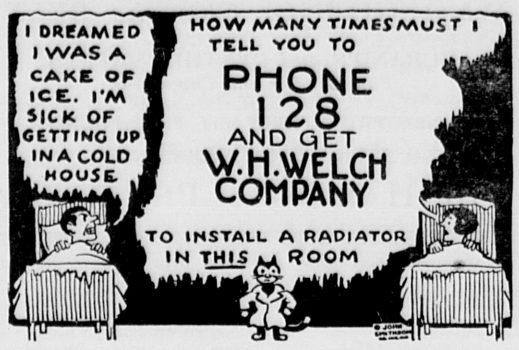
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Washington Current Comment

Mother Jones died a few days ago in Maryland, near Washington D. C., at the age of more than a hundred, her long life having been devoted to the cause of organized labor. She had taken part in many a turbulent strike, yet so well did she conduct herself, that even her enemies spoke kindly of her efforts, and she in turn was broad enough to recognize the virtues of her aforetime foes. The miners trooped from all parts of Illinois to participate in the laying-away of Mother Jones, and their tribute was not idle or perfunctory, for it meant the loss of a working day at a time when working days are not to be scoffed at.

In an effort to distribute work a little better, advocates of a five day week are urging the merits of their cause. No tired person can deny that another rest or recreation day per week would come in handy, but the difficulty lies in the fact that an employer cannot afford to pay a six-day wage for five days of toil. The day that will be lopped off the working week is a stray dog that is being kicked from door to door. Neither employer nor employee, merchant nor consumer, seems willing to take it in and be responsible for its keep.

The Soviet Republic did not like the doings of some half-dozen engineers, and, with characteristic directness, sentenced them to be shot. Latest advices indicate that their sentences have been commuted to a ten-year prison term, with the possibility that the decade of servitude may be reduced. What this action means, no one can tell. For the good of Russia, as well as the rest of the world, let it be hoped that it indicates that the land of the former czars is inclined toward laying aside senseless abstractions relating to the theory of government, and is settling itself to the serious business of building up a great material civilization, impossible of attainment without the help of the engineer.

In declining to hold up the seating of a member until his campaign expenditures have been investigated, the Senate has acted in a way which will meet with approval at the hands of all friends of representative government. When several million people have indicated by a substantial majority that a certain man is to have an office, he should be inducted into it, and his constituency should not be left without a representative while charges, which may prove to be groundless, are being looked into. The rule that a man is innocent until found guilty is as applicable to such a case as to any other.

The fare for airplane travel has been appreciably reduced, with the result that more passengers are being carried by air than ever before. It may be that the airplane has sounded the knell of the railroad, saving as a means for handling slowly-moving freight. The passing of the railroad is hard to comprehend as a possibility, but what happened to passenger traffic on the canals?

France has again something to talk about. The latest cabinet has been repudiated by the French Senate, and has resigned. This old European custom is hard for Americans to understand. In the United States, the honorable course is to see the thing through, the best one may, and let the other fellow kick. The result is, that now and then an undesirable is retained in office, who might better have resigned; but the general effect produced by "seeing it through" is good, and the training in fortitude is valuable.

The keel of a thirty-thousand-ton ship has been laid, and when it begins its work, men will wonder at what progress accomplished. It might be well to consider, also, what ancient mariners accomplished before the days of enlightenment. Few who travel in comfort on the new vessel would be willing to sail unknown seas in the tiny caravels of Columbus or push from Scandinavia toward New England in the shallops of the Vikings.

WEST PARISH

The R. P. C. Girls' club met with Miss Betty Buchan, Lincoln street, on Monday evening.

The West church Sunday school Christmas tree and exercises will be held on Tuesday evening in the vestry.

The annual meeting of the West church will be held Wednesday evening, December 31, in the vestry. Mrs. George C. Ward is chairman of the supper ommittee.

Andover Grange Holds Christmas Party

Andover Grange held their annual Christmas party on Tuesday evening with a good attendance. The skit, "Why We Never Married," given by ten members of the Grange was enjoyed by those present. Those who took part were: Ebba Peterson, Mrs. Alex Henderson, Mrs. Herbert Carter, Gladys A. Hill, Marion Hill, Arthur Lewis, Walter P. E. Friewald, Harry Dawson, Earle E. Ferguson and Alex Henderson.

The members carried toys to help along the work of the Welfare Committee of the town. Mrs. Earle Ferguson and Mrs. Walter Friewald had the program in charge. Cocoa and cookies, pop corn balls and red apples were served for refreshments.

The new officers will be installed at the next meeting with Deputy Winfred Forward of Granby in charge. This will be January 13.

Essex Pomona will meet with Amesbury Grange, January 1, 1931, afternoon and evening. In the evening there will be a joint installation of Pomona, Haverhill, Salisbury and Amesbury officers.

Essex County Agricultural School News Service

Girls of the Junior and Senior classes have salted and sold nearly fifty pounds of Jumbo peanuts since a week ago last Wednesday. Orders will be taken from anyone within or outside the School. The peanuts are forty cents a pound or five cents a bag. The money will be used to buy uniforms for the girls' basketball team.

The girls in the Homemaking Department are taking orders for home-made foods, including cakes, cup cakes, doughnuts, banbury tarts, and cookies sugar, ginger, brownies, and hermits.)

They are also offering a waitress service (with uniform) at twenty-five cents per hour plus car fare.

Requests for waitress service or orders for food must be placed between the hours 8:30—9:30 A. M. and 11:30—12:00 noon of the previous day. For information please call Danvers 430.

Miss Marion P. Crawford, Home Demonstration Agent, F. C. Smith, County Agricultural Agent, and H. J. Shute, County Club Agent, are attending the annual conference for extension workers in Amherst.

The Senior class play, "One Gift Above Another," will be presented Friday, December 19, at 2:30 in the school assembly hall. Dancing will follow the play until 5:30.

Primitive "Razors"

Shaving the beard was, before the Bronze or Iron ages, performed with flints, shells or bones, on which a specially sharp edge was ground.

Nobility in Gratitude

Gratitude is a fruit of great cultivation; you do not find it among gross people.—Samuel Johnson.

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BALLARDVALE

Miss Marian Matthews spent the seek-end in the Vale.

Otis Brogan of Reading spent the week-end with relatives here.

Thomas Stott is spending the winter with his daughter, Mrs. Leon Knox of Wollaston.

Mrs. Fred Bottomley of Haverhill is visiting Mrs. Daniel H. Poor of Andover street.

Mrs. William Majerison is convalescing at the Cambridge City hospital after a recent operation.

Mrs. John O'Donnell is convalescing at the O'Donnell sanatarium after undergoing an operation.

A meeting of the Young Ladies' Bridge club was held Tuesday at the home of Miss Doris Shaw on Andover street.

A meeting of the Bradlee Mothers' club banquet committee was held Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Edwin W. Brown on Tewksbury street.

This evening a whist party will be held at the home of Mrs. Elmer Conkey on Porter road. Prizes will be awarded to the high scorers and refreshments will be served.

The Methodist church Christmas tree program will be held the eve of Christmas, December 24, in the church vestry. Santa Claus will again come to visit the kiddies from the North Pole. The children will give a program.

Spelling Match and Entertainment

The second annual spelling match and entertainment was held in the community rooms last Friday evening by the teachers and pupils of the Bradlee school.

The entertainment opened with selections by the Toy Symphony with John Townsend acting as leader. This always proves a popular number with the audience as the first grade children take part, and in many cases this is their first appearance on the stage. The following are members of the symphony: Cameron Mills, Dorothea Dunne, Margaret Kidd, Evelyn Hall, John Townsend, James Morton, Mary Nicoll, Samuel Lowry, Arthur Edmunds, Jennie Palenski, Dorothy Miller, Eleanor Coon, Barbara Parker, Marjorie Miller and Charles Hanson.

"Christmas in Mother Goose Land" each child portraying a character was exceptionally well presented with the following children taking part: Santa Claus, Jack Haggerty; Mother Goose, Patricia Lowry; Her Son Jack, Cameron Mills; Mother Hubbard, Dorothea Dunne; Little Bo-Peep, Margaret Kidd; Miss Muffet, Evelyn Hall; Jack Horner, John Townsend; Tommy Tucker, James Morton; Mistress Mary, Mary Nicoll; Little Boy Blue, Sammy Lowry; Jack Sprat's Wife, Jennie Palenski; Old Woman Who Lived in the Shoe, Dorothy Miller.

"In the Palace of Kris Kringle," by Grades 2, 3, 4 and 5 gave a fine test of memory and made the parents of the children taking part feel proud that their youngsters were able to put on such a good play. The characters were as follows: Santa Claus, John Roggee, Norman Drouin; Mother Goose, Mildred Baker; Spirit of Christmas, Eleanor Ness; Postman, William Cooper; Brownies, Ethel Brierly, Marion Townsend, Hilda Deblois, Andrew Townsend, Eleanor Coon, Barbara Parker and Isabel Mills.

"The Little Match Girl", a reading by Patricia Lowry, and a "Christmas Carol" by Jack Haggerty, proved the two popular single numbers on the program and each received much applause.

"The Song, the Star, and the Story" was a Christmas song and story and each child taking part did exceptionally well. The stars were Marion Dane and Patricia Lowry. Frances Baker assisted by a choir with the following girls taking part: Betty Stevens, Mary Regan, Dorothy Greenwood, Helen Baker and Eva Evans.

The following children took part in the spelling match:

Grade four—Annie Early, Norman Drouin, Jessie Bissett, Ethel Brierly, Samuel Fee, Marguerite York, Edith Newcomb, Walter Edmunds, Billy Wrigley, Irene Ness, Dorothy Evans and Rudolph Palenski.

Grade five—Marie Hutchins, Evelyn Carroll, Wilfred Hanson, Foster Zink, Eleanor Ness, Mildred Clinton, Jeanne Cooper, Helen Nicoll, Marion Townsend, Teddy Koza, Bob Mills, Beatrice Beaulieu, Helen Dembroski, Mildred Baker, Norman Peatman and John Roggee.

Grade six—Arthur Ness, Tom Wrigley, Kenneth Nicoll, Clifton Russell and Stanley Palenski.

The words were given out by Superintendent of Schools, Henry C. Sanborn and the following acted as judges: Miss Mollie Donovan, Rev. Marion Phelps and Edwin W. Brown.

The winners and prizes were as follows: Fourth grade, first, Ethel Brierly, "Heidi," donated by Mrs. E. V. French; second, Irene Ness, human geography of grade, donated by Henry C. Sanborn; third, Dorothy Evans, "The Story of Corn," donated by Henry C. Sanborn; fifth grade, first, Mildred Clinton, "Hans Brinker," donated by Mrs. Jerome Cross; second, Marie Hutchins "Eight Cousins," donated by Dr. Elwin D. Lane; third, Evelyn Carroll, "Keepers of the Sea," donated by the Bradlee Mothers' club; sixth grade, Stanley Palenski, "Mark Gilmore, Scout of the Air," donated by Dr. Fleming; second, Kenneth Nicoll, "Open Doors to Science," donated by Henry C. Sanborn; third, Arthur Ness, "America's Roots in the Past," donated by Henry C. Sanborn.

Finals: First, Arthur Ness, "East of the Sun and West of the Moon," donated by Dr. W. D. Walker; second, Mildred Clinton, "The New Wonder Book of Knowledge," donated by Miss Clara Putnam; third, Marie Hutchins, a book donated by Dr. John Hartigan.

The Bradlee Mothers' club wishes to express its sincere thanks to all persons helping in any way to make this affair a success and the members express their gratitude to the teachers for the untiring efforts put into the entertainment and the parents join with them in expressing their appreciation of the teachers of the Bradlee school.

Dascomb Road in Good Condition

Dascomb road extending from Andover street to Clark road has been put in excellent condition by town workmen. Gravel has been hauled there and the once unlevel road is now in perfect condition for autoists. This road is a direct route from Tewksbury to Andover commencing in Tewksbury near the state institution and entering Andover street near the Henderson residence.

B. V. A. A. to Hold Minstrel Show

A well attended meeting of the Ballardvale Athletic association was held Monday evening in the clubroom on Andover street with President Edward Doyle presiding.

The meeting opened by a reading of the minutes of the last meeting by James O'Donnell. Various committees reported on work accomplished during the past week.

Extensive plans for a minstrel show to be held in February were discussed. Thomas Lynch was appointed as director and the following members of the club were chosen to assist: James O'Donnell, Vincent Bonner, Lincoln Sharpe, William Bonner, William Haggerty and Fred Buckley. Rehearsals for this event will commence after Christmas.

Mr. Lynch who is a member of the dramatic society of St. Augustine's church will draw up plans for the performance within the next few days and will give a report at the next meeting to be held in two weeks.

The following committee was appointed to have charge of the program and tickets for the minstrel show: Ralph Sharpe, Harry Trow, Jack Doyle and E. W. Brown.

Plans were also made to hold a whist party in the community room during the first week in January when a fine list of prizes will be awarded to the high scorers. The committee includes James O'Donnell, Robert MacDonald, Edward Doyle, George Keating, Fred Buckley, Harold Conkey and E. W. Brown.

Norman Kibbee, who is considered one of the best players in this vicinity, was appointed coach and captain of the hockey team. Practice was begun Tuesday afternoon. Already opportunities for games have been received and people of the village will soon be given the privilege of witnessing games on the river.

Archie Dobson was chosen captain and manager for the basketball team. It is expected that B. V. A. A. team will line up against some fast teams shortly. Extensive plans were made for the improvement of the headquarters.

To Present Cantata

The people of this town have a treat in store for them Sunday evening, December 28, when members of the First Methodist church of Methuen will present a cantata entitled "The Holy Night" in the Congregational church. This choir is exceptionally fine and consists of twenty-five or thirty voices. Herbert Hodgson, who is the choir leader and organist is the well known pianist of the John Hancock Glee club of Methuen.

Bradlee School to Give Christmas Program

Pupils of the Bradlee school will take place on the following Christmas program:

GRADES I, II

Toy Symphony
Christmas in Mother Goose Land

GRADES II, III, IV, V

In the Palace of Kriss Kringle

GRADES VI, VII

The Little Match Girl — Patricia Lowry
A Christmas Carol — Jack Haggerty
The Song, the Star, and the Story
Marion Dane, Patricia Lowry, Frances Baker, Dorothy Greenwood, Mary Regan, Helen Baker, Betty Stevens, Eva Evans.

Community Christmas Tree

The following local people will canvass Ballardvale to secure funds for the community Christmas tree and for charitable purposes:

Andover street from Woburn street to Shawsheen bridge, Rev. E. H. Scheyer; Tewksbury street, Dale and Marland road, E. W. Brown; Bannister and Dascomb road, Mrs. Walter Curtis; Clark road and Hall avenue, Walter Simon; Chester street, Centre and Oak streets, Leslie Hadley; Ballardvale road and Woburn street, Mrs. James Schofield; Andover street to railroad crossing and River street, William Haggerty.

After erecting the Christmas tree any funds remaining will be used for charitable purposes. It is desired by the committee to use the money in the most profitable manner and in such a way that Christmas cheer will be brought into each home in the village.

Residents knowing of persons in need are asked to get in touch with William D. McIntyre of Andover street.

The committee has secured a tree which will be located on the playgrounds and will be illuminated each evening commencing Monday night. Carols will be sung at the tree Christmas eve.

Persons not seen by canvassers may send money by check to William D. McIntyre or leave it at local stores where tags have been left by the committee in charge.

It is urged that as many young people as possible practice the Christmas carols and join the group that will sing on Christmas eve.

Hold Christmas Party

A Christmas party was held at the home of Byron Brown on Tewksbury street Wednesday afternoon, when a number of friends and playmates gathered to welcome a visit from Santa Claus.

Each child brought a gift which was put under a prettily decorated Christmas tree and Santa Claus gave each child a present. Games were played after which refreshments were served.

Among those present were: Lois Henderson, Ethel Carroll, Helen Knight, Rowena Coons, Hamilton Smith, Harold Ness, Philip Wood, Meredith Matthews, Robert Moss, Marjorie Mears, Elwin Matthews, Shirley Brown, Rita Knight, Dorothea Dunn, Patricia Brogan, Frank Robertson, Jr., and Byron Brown.

Camerons Defeat Argyles; Black Watch and Gordons Split

The Camerons took four points from the Argyles while the Black Watch and Gordons split the points in two bowling matches rolled in the Clan Johnston league at the Essex street alleys Monday night. R. Dobbie and H. Cairnie tied for high single with 12 each and the latter rolled 352 for high triple.

The scores:

CAMERONS				
R. Dobbie	92	125	115	334
G. Nicol	88	84	89	264
G. Petrie	85	113	100	298
J. Henderson	103	102	110	315
C. Valentine	94	89	88	271
D. Strachan	92	127	110	329
Totals	554	633	614	1801
ARGYLES				
A. Harris	76	94	91	261
G. Carmichael	81	92	81	254
A. White	83	96	99	278
J. Page	105	93	89	284
J. Caldwell	98	115	110	323
C. Shea	91	81	75	247
Totals	534	576	545	1650
BLACK WATCH				
A. Meek	104	107	101	301
G. Brown	85	85	102	272
D. Robb	85	90	84	259
J. Neil	92	93	96	281
W. Dobbie	89	107	100	296
A. Gordon	92	83	99	274
Totals	547	565	582	1694
GORDONS				
A. Valentine	73	68	76	216
A. Bertram	84	102	91	277
J. Thompson	90	104	90	284
W. Valentine	85	109	86	271
E. Downs	88	104	106	298
H. Cairnie	125	112	115	352
Totals	545	599	563	1707

RED CROSS ROLL CALL

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Annuals	1956	$1956.00
Contributing	34	170.00
Sustaining	16	160.00
Supporting	7	175.00
Gifts		1022.17
	2013	$3483.17

The captains and lieutenants this year were:

Abbot academy—Miss Bertha Bailey, captain.

Abbott village—Miss Abbot.

Ballardvale—Mrs. Alvin Zink, captain, Miss Rita Bell, Mrs. George Brown, Miss Margaret Cronin, Miss Demboski, Mrs. Edward Hall, Mrs. George R. Miller, Mrs. William Miller, Mrs. George Moody, Mrs. Daniel Poor, Mrs. Joseph Shaw, Mrs. Walter Simon, Mrs. Alice Schneider, Mrs. Walter R. York.

Bartlet Street section—Mrs. Philip L. Hardy, captain, Mrs. John Avery, Miss Harriet W. Carter, Mrs. Philip P. Cole, Mrs. George B. Frost, Miss Delight W. Hall, Mrs. Osborne Sutton.

Business section—Miss Moira K. Murphy, captain, Miss Rita Adams, Miss Mary Burke, Miss E. Louise Hardy, Miss Alice M. Nelligan, Mrs. C. Mason Tucker.

Elm Street section—Mrs. Mary E. Dalton, captain, Mrs. James A. Barnes, Mrs. Fred Collins, Mrs. Roy A. Daniels, Mrs. Alice R. Dearborn, Mrs. Clarence W. Dyer, Mrs. Hugh Ewing, Mrs. Joseph E. Fallon, Mrs. James Gillespie, Mrs. Roy E. Hardy, Mrs. David May, Miss Alice M. McTernen, Miss Alice S. Weare, Mrs. Fred L. Winkley.

High and Walnut section—Mrs. E. Burke Thornton, captain, Mrs. Samuel D. Berry. Mrs. Thomas Hall, Miss Bertha O. Higgins, Miss Ella L. Holt, Mrs. Parmenas W. Partridge, Mrs. Frank Shiebler, Mrs. William H. Simpson, Mrs. Peter Stewart, Mrs. Eugene M. Weeks.

Holt district—Mrs. James E. Downs, captain, Mrs. Stanley V. Lane.

Main street section—Mrs. J. Oram Sheppard, captain, Mrs. G. Gibson Brown, Miss Frances Flagg, Mrs. Henry H. Noyes.

North Main street section—Mrs. Robert Franz, captain, Miss Abbot, Mrs. William J. Doherty, Mrs. Edmund Dunwoody, Miss Elizabeth Hilton, Mrs. Edward C. Nichols, Miss Mary E. Richards.

Phillips academy—Mr. Charles A. Parmelee, captain.

Salem and Highland road—Mrs. John T. Mercer, captain, Mrs. Joseph Blunt, Mrs. Peter Cunningham.

School and Phillips section—Mrs. Frank L. Brigham, captain, Mrs. Anna E. Arnold, Miss Margaret Curran, Mrs. Charles P. Gabeler, Miss Anna W. Kuhn, Mrs. Stanley A. Pratt, Miss Mary E. Richards, Mrs. Franklin H. Stacey, Mrs. James L. Toohey, Mrs. Arthur Sweeney.

Scotland district and Porter road—Mrs. Arthur W. Bassett, captain, Mrs. Arthur Bliss, Mrs. Frank Crawford, Mrs. Henry G. Tyer, Mrs. Francis Zecchini.

Shawsheen village—Mrs. George L. Graham and Mrs. John S. Andrews, captains, Mrs. Harry C. North, Mrs. Thomas Peters, Mrs. Harold A. Rutter, Miss Martha K. Smith, Mrs. Needham B. Brown, Mrs. Louis A. Cook, Mrs. John M. Erving, Mrs. Byron Goodrich, Mrs. Frederick Hulme, Mrs. Mitchell Johnson, Mrs. Edward L. Moss, Mrs. Joseph A. Mulvey, Mrs. Earl R. Rutter, Mrs. Joseph M. Whalen, Mrs. Edward C. Williams, Mrs. Edward C. Williams, Jr.

West Parish—Mrs. Herbert B. Merrick, captain, Mrs. Kenneth Barnard, Miss Bessie L. Carter, Mrs. Loen Hardy, Miss Marion E. Hardy, Mrs. Kenneth Hilton, Miss Alice Kimball, Mrs. Charles M. Newton, Miss May L. Noyes, Miss Ebba Peterson, Miss Roberta Shiers, Mrs. Hudson E. Wilcox, Miss Emelyn Wright.

Sharp Rise in November Automobile Deaths

Further support of the contention of Captain George A. Parker, registrar of motor vehicles, that careless driving was responsible for the sharp rise in November automobile deaths that will force Massachusetts to accept an increase rather than the hoped for decrease in total fatalities for the year is seen in the November mortality figures for 78 leading cities of the country just forwarded to the Governor's committee on street and highway safety by the department of commerce.

These show that while Massachusetts was experiencing its second worst month in history for highway deaths during November and its nine leading cities were showing an increase of five deaths over the same period last year, the total deaths for the 78 cities surveyed showed a decrease of 42 deaths for the four weeks ending Nov. 30, 1930, as compared with the same weeks in 1929.

The nine Massachusetts cities had 27 deaths as compared to 22 a year ago, whereas the national figures showed 796 deaths this year as compared to 839 a year ago.

Boston, Cambridge, Fall River, Lowell, Lynn, New Bedford, Somerville, Springfield, and Worcester were the nine Massachusetts cities reported in the list. Of these, there were four, Boston, Cambridge, Fall River and Worcester which showed increases in fatalities, counting only those deaths due to accidents within the city limits. Lynn, and New Bedford, each without a fatality during the month, duplicated the previous November's record. Springfield remained the same with one death recorded each month and Lowell had the best record with a reduction of two fatalities.

Worcewter showed the sharpest increases, reporting five deaths as compared to one a year ago. Cambridge had four instead of two, Boston had 13 instead of 12 and Fall River had two as compared to one.

After analyzing the November accident record in Massachusetts Captain Parker has gone on record with the statement that careless operation rather than unfavorable weather conditions are responsible for most of 96 deaths which have been reported for the month for the whole state. The two worst weeks those of Armistice Day and Thanksgiving Day when snow and sleet caused poor road conditions, but in almost every case it was revealed that accidents resulted from failure of the driver to take the unfavorable conditions into consideration and reduce his speed.

Had November gone according to expectations, or even showed a slight increase over last year, Massachusetts might well have held its fatality total for the fiscal year ending November 30 to the same level or lower than last year. Had the state followed the national trend for the month as revealed by the department of commerce statistics a substantial reduction might have been effected. As the figures now stand, however, the total fatalities for the fiscal year are 794, as compared to 777 last year.

The Bouncing Prescription

Rural Doctor (meeting patient)—"I've—er—taken the liberty of sending in my little account again."

Patient—"Is that so? Well, acting on your advice, I'm avoiding business worries for the present."—Humorist.

Statuary Hall

In 1864, at the suggestion of Senator Morrill of Vermont (then a member of the house) the room which had formerly been known as the hall of representatives was set apart as a national statuary hall, to which each state might send statues of two of its distinguished citizens. Rhode Island was the first to respond, choosing Roger Williams and Nathanael Greene, and more than half of the states have contributed one or two statues.

Most Valuable Diamonds

George W. Kuns, gem expert, says that no diamond has ever brought $10,000,000. The largest diamond in the inventory of the crown jewelry of France in 1791 was estimated at $2,400,000. The Cullinan diamond—60 per cent of its value was set at 300,000 pounds—might possibly bring a million pounds if sold, especially after having passed through the crown period.

All Depends

Afflicted with an in-growing conscience, a lady from the Cornhusker state solicits the Lincoln Star's opinion whether "betting is gambling?" "That depends," replied the editor. "If you bet on three kings, that's gambling; if you bet you can make three spades, that's entertainment; if you bet wheat will go up, that's big business."

Economic Idea

Cartel is the term applied in Europe to various industrial combinations, production cartels having as their main object the prevention of overproduction, while in the selling cartel, a single selling agency handles the output of the various plants of the organization.

Famous Grecian Sect

The sect called Stoics was founded by Zeno, a celebrated Greek philosopher, who was born about 350 B. C. It was so called from a spacious painted porch in which the master taught, "stoa," being the word porch. The Stoics ultimately absorbed the Cynics.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE—Dressed chickens, 40c per lb. Fowl, 35c per lb. Baldwin apples, 25c per peck. Fresh Eggs, 55c per doz. Potatoes. H. W. MARTIN, 170 Elm Street. Telephone 823 J.

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FOR RENT—An upstairs apartment of 7 rooms, all modern improvements. Also garage. For particulars telephone Andover 717.

APARTMENT TO LET—Six rooms with town water, gas and electricity just off Salem street on Prospect Hill road. F. H. Foster, Tel. 1102-M.

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FOR RENT—A desirable 4 or 5 room tenement, centrally located, at moderate rental. Apply Colonial Theatre.

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Andover Savings Bank

The following pass books issued by the Andover Savings Bank have been lost and application has been made for the issuance of duplicate books. Public notice of such application is hereby given in accordance with Section 40, Chapter 590, of the Acts of 1908.

Payment has been stopped.

Books Nos. 11546, 43722.

FREDERIC S. BOUTWELL, *Treasurer*

December 12, 1930.

Andover National Bank

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Andover National Bank, will be held at its banking room, 23 Main Street, Andover, Mass., Tuesday, the thirteenth day of January, 1931, at 10 o'clock a.m. for the choice of directors and the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

CHESTER W. HOLLAND, *Cashier*

December 12, 1930.

Mortgagee's Sale

By virtue of the power of sale in a certain mortgage given by William J. Jacques, to Globe Discount & Finance Corporation, dated May 5, 1930 and recorded in the town clerk's office in North Andover, Massachusetts, book 5, page 69 for breach of condition of said mortgage, and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at public auction January 2, 1931 at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the premises at 1260 Boylston street, Boston, Charlesgate Garage, to wit: One (1) 1928 Buick Coupe, Serial No. 2091616, Motor No. 2181353. Terms: Cash.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PROBATE COURT

ESSEX, ss.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Eliza Jane Wood late of Andover in said County, deceased.

WHEREAS, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate, by Rebecca Maslen who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Lawrence in said County of Essex, on the twelfth day of January A.D. 1931, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Andover Townsman a newspaper published in Andover the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, HARRY R. DOW, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this seventeenth day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty.

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PROBATE COURT

ESSEX, ss.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Enos E. Hudson late of Andover in said County deceased.

WHEREAS, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate, by Nettie E. Hudson who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Salem in said County of Essex, on the twenty-ninth day of December A.D. 1930, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Andover Townsman a newspaper published in Andover the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, HARRY R. DOW, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this third day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty.

HORACE H. ATHERTON, JR., *Register*

Town of Andover

PUBLIC HEARING

Shawsheen Mills, Haverhill street, Andover, having petitioned the Board of Selectmen for a license to keep or store 500 gallons of gasoline on the property of the petitioner in the mill yard off of Haverhill street in said Town of Andover, a public hearing on said petition will be held at the Town House on Monday, December 15, 1930 at 4.00 p.m. in accordance with the provision of the General Laws relating thereto.

FRANK H. HARDY
ANDREW McTERNEN
JEREMIAH J. DALY
Selectmen

Andover, December 4, 1930

Mortgagee's Sale

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Henry P. Lannan of Andover, in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the Andover Savings Bank dated May 28, 1925, and recorded with North District Essex Deeds, libro 512, folio 478, for breach of the conditions contained in said mortgage, and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on the premises hereinafter described, on Monday, January 5, 1931 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, viz:

A certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situated in said Andover, on the Southerly side of Lowell road, sometimes called River road, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in said Lowell road one hundred fifty and 61-100 feet (150.61) westerly from the West line of Bailey street, which street is shown on a plan of land of Mrs. Nathan Bailey, recorded in Essex North District Deeds, Book of Plans 3, Plan No. 135, thence running southerly one hundred forty and 78-100 feet (140.78) more or less, along land now or formerly of William F. Schneider et alii to land now or formerly of said Bailey, shown on said plan at the division line between lots 11 and 32; thence southwesterly about three hundred eighty-three and 7-10 feet (383.7), South thirty-five feet (35) and Southwest thirty-six and 2-10 feet (36.2) by land now or formerly of said Bailey, shown on said plan as lots thirty-two, thirty-three and thirty-four; thence northerly by land formerly of Sarah McCann to said Lowell road, thence Easterly about four hundred twenty (420) feet by estimation along said Lowell road to the point of beginning, including the fee in Lowell road to the center thereof.

Being a part of the premises conveyed to me by Thomas J. McEneaney by deed dated June 3, 1904, recorded with Essex North District Deeds, Book 212, Page 435, intending to convey and hereby conveying the remaining portion of said premises.

Said premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and assessments. Terms $100. to be paid to the auctioneer at the time and place of sale, remainder within ten days thereafter.

ANDOVER SAVINGS BANK, *Mortgagee*
By FREDERIC S. BOUTWELL, *Treasure*

TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF ESSEX COUNTY:
GENTLEMEN:

The undersigned respectfully represent that the highway known as the Burnham road in the town of Andover, from Carisbrook street to the Boston & Maine railroad, is of poor alignment and at the approach to the underpass beneath the Boston & Maine railroad in its present location results in a blind corner, and that common convenience and necessity require that the same be altered or relocated so as to give an approximately straight location.

WHEREFORE they pray, that after due notice and a hearing, the County Commissioners may alter or relocate the said road between Carisbrook street and the Boston & Maine railroad, and may discontinue such portions of the old way as by reason of their action in the matter may no longer be required.

WILLIAM D. McINTYRE
WALTER I. MORSE
THOMAS P. DEA
GEORGE H. WINSLOW
CHARLES T. GILLIARD

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
ESSEX, ss. Court of County Commissioners
October Term, A.D. 1930, to wit: December 2, 1930.

On the foregoing petition, ORDERED: That said petitioners give notice to all persons and corporations interested therein that said Commissioners will meet at the Court House in Salem in said County, on Friday, the ninth day of January 1931, at 11.15 o'clock, A.M., by publishing an attested copy of said petition and of this order thereon in the Andover Townsman, a newspaper printed in Andover in said County, once a week for three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said ninth day of January. And also by serving the Town Clerk of Andover with an attested copy of said petition and of this order thereon, thirty days at least; and by posting up an attested copy thereof in two public places in said town, fourteen days at least, before the said ninth day of January, at which time and place said Commissioners will proceed to view the premises and make such order in relation to the prayer of said petition as by law they may be authorized to do.

Attest: A. N. FROST, *Clerk*

A true copy of said petition and order thereon.

Attest: E. PHILIP LITTLEFIELD
Deputy Assistant Clerk

A true copy of said petition and order thereon.

Attest: FRANK MARSHALL
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BABSON SAYS THAT PRESENT MARKET CONDITIONS OFFER SOME GOOD BARGAINS IN BONDS

Carefully Selected Issues Offer Excellent Yield Plus Prospects of Ultimate Appreciation in Value — Fundamental Factors Are Propitious to an Improved Bond Market — Some Industrial Bonds Strongly Protected by Assets

Babson Park, Massachusetts, December 19, 1930. Underlying factors are favorable to a strong bond market; but temporary influences have at the moment pushed down prices of many attractive bonds far below their intrinsic value. As a result, investors now have an opportunity to pick up bargains which offer a fine yield and at the same time a chance to profit from later price advance. Of course, all certiicates bearing the name of bonds are not necessarily good purchases. Some of them are not as good as sound preferred or common stocks. The purchaser must, therefore, pick and choose with great care.

The wave of selling which has recently hit the bond market has so depressed prices of second grade issues that reasonably good business men's bonds can be bought to yield 6 per cent and over. Utility issues of this type now yield 5 1-2 per cent and over; industrials, 6 3-4 per cent; and railroads around 6 per cent. These are bonds fairly well protected by assets but are, of course, not the highest grade gilt edge issues. Another group of fair bonds, but more speculative than the above, are averaging to yield 7 1-2 per cent. In this group the utilities are returning about 6 1-2 per cent; the industrials 7 1-2 per cent; and the railroads 7 1-2 per cent. Dropping lower in the scale to the distinctly speculative bonds, where the covering of interest charges is definitely in question, we find average returns of 8 1-2 per cent; with the utilities yielding nearly 8 per cent; industrials, 8 3-4 per cent; and the railroads 9 per cent.

Temporary Factors Causing Bond Decline

Of course, some of the issues represented in the above averages are altogether too speculative for consideration. Others are temporarily depressed by factors which they should overcome as the area of depression slowly gives way to recovery. Fundemental factors are propitious to an improving bond market, but certain temporary influences are preventing this recovery and creating distinct bargains. These depressing influences are (1) Sympathetic effect of declining stock market; (2) Uncertain foreign situation; (3) Sharp reduction of earnings, particularly of the rails and industrials; (4) Selling by some of the interior banks to strengthen their liquid position; and (5) Fear psychology.

If the underlying monetary conditions were unfavorable to the bond market then we would not find Liberty Bonds and certain other gilt edge issues selling at their peak price for the year as they now are. It is the second grade bonds that have suffered the most, although the decline has at times caused a fairly sizeable recession in certain high-grade issues; especially the railroad group. Sooner or later the underlying influences of continued low money rates, low commodity prices, the highest purchasing power of the dollar in fifteen years, will be felt in a general rise in bond prices. Cetrtainly this will occur when the tide in business turns and earnings gradually improve.

Some Railroad Bonds Unduly Depressed

It is only natural that perople should feel blue about railroads when their net earnings have declined 30 per cent from last year. However, it is unreasonable to assume that this decline will continue indefinitely. The rails are reflecting the general business depression and they will just as surely reflect business improvement when it comes, by another upward swing in net earnings. Railroad earnings have always fluctuated with the business cycle. When we find certain railroad bonds of good calibre selling to yield 6 per cent or over, we know that this situation cannot continue indefinitely. Some of these are first mortgage issues for it is not only the junior bonds that have felt the recent selling pressure.

Certain railroad issues that could never be dislodged even in a reorganization are selling to give similar good yields. While these are not to be recommended for widows and orphans, or for any investor who cannot afford to take some risk, they do represent excellent opportunities for the business man who desires to place a moderate portion of his funds with the idea of obtaining, not only a good return, but a sizeable appreciation in value when conditions return to normal. Also, there are certain industrial bonds strongly protected by assets, and in some cases with large cash surpluses, which are selling at very attractive prices. Examples of these may be found in the oil, rubber, and other industries. Utility bonds have generally resisted downward pressure better than other groups. In purchasing such bonds one should try to abtain bonds of operating companies so far as possible.

Some Unlisted Bonds Attractive

Investors are generally wary of unlisted bonds becauses of their limited marketability. Especially at the present time there is a wide spread between bid and asked prices. Consequently when one must realize quickly on his bonds he desires those with an active market which can be readily sold without searching for a buyer. Nevertheless many sound unlisted issues can be picked up at ridiculously low prices by the prudent investor who is willing to go shopping for them. For the man who is interested in a high income return together with reasonable safety, and who will not need the money suddenly, some fine bargains are available in the unlisted group, particularly among the utilities.

Fundementally the bond market is sound. It is very apparent that depression psychology has overflowed from the stock market to the bond market. Many bonds are being pushed too low. It is absolutely essential to study each individual situation when buying second grade or speculative bonds, and it is essential not to overload on this type of security; but the investor who can afford some degree of risk can find excellent bargains among them.

Business by the Babsonchart now registers 24 per cent below normal compared with 11 per cent below normal at this time a year ago.

Christmas Not Old as Holiday Here

Few now living in Andover can remember when there was no observance of Christmas as a holiday, as we know it today. To the last three generations the Christmas celebration seems one of the things that has always existed, like the solar system and hard work. But the fact that is this holiday, now the most popular and sentimental of the whole year, came into favor only a comparatively short time ago.

In the early days of Massschusetts Bay, the observance of Christmas was forbidden This was a reaction against the abuses of the day in England, when orgies of eating, drinking, debauchery and hoodlumism marked each December 25. The law was also a religious gesture of protest against "superstition" and "Papistry."

In pagan countries there were Winter festivals in which greens were entwined in houses and prayers were said for the harvests and in the Catholic and Angelican churches. Christmas was observed with special services and decorations in homes. This, to the stern Puritans, smacked of heathenism and the evil one. It was the Puritan boast that not a single holiday of Old Ehgland endured the journey across the Atlantic to godly Massachusetts.

Christmas really arrived here in 1686, when Governor Edmund Andros came from England. He asked the Puritan ministers for permission to hold services in a Puritan meetinghouse. His request was flatly refused, and he finally celebrated the day by having services held in the Town House, to which he marched at the head of the procession.

This was really the beginning of Christmas in New England, although it was a century and a half later before the day came to mean what it does now. It was at first observed only by the Episcopalians, members of the Church of England, whose social whirl revolved about the royal Governors. The rigid Puritans still held aloof from it, and made it a point of pride to attend to their ordinary pursuits on Christmas.

In 1764 the day was a day of worship, according to an entry in the diary of John Rowe, a Boston merchant and an Episcopalian. He wrote: "Dec. 25, 1764. Christmas Day. Went to church. Mr. Walter read prayers and Mr. Hooper preached from 1st Chapter of the Gospel of St. John and 17th verse. I was much pleased with the discourse. A great number of people at church. Mr. Hooper sent the box to me to collect for the poor."

Ten years later, in 1774, Christmas was one of twenty-seven holidays advertised by the Boston Custonhouse, but there is nothing to indicate that at was celebrated as it is today. Two years after that, in 1776, Christmas assumed historical significance, when Washington crossed the Delaware River and surprised the Hessians at Trenton. Christmas feasting and drinking were German customs at that time, a fact well known to the Americans. The latter, on this occasion, observed the day by winning a victory, a more practical thing at the moment than any amount of reveling.

This "sinful" holiday, however, had a strong hold on the hearts of the Englishmen, particularly those of the Episcopalian faith. Every schoolboy is told the story of Gov. William Bradford of Plymouth, who allowed conscientious objectors to idle on Christmas, until he discovered that they were celebrating the day with games and revelry. Similarly, in straight-laced Boston, various persons evaded the law, and it was finally repealed in 1681. Even then the disposition of the Puritans was to take no note of the day. Judge Samuel Sewall, a rigid Puritan, wrote in his famous dairy, four years after the repeal of the Christmas prohibition: "Christmas, 25, Friday. Carts come to town and shops are open as usual. Some, somehow, observe the day, but are vexed, I think, by the fact that the body of the people profane it and blessed be God no authority yet compels them to keep it."

Even after the Revolution Christmas as we know it was not part of the life of Massachusetts people. There was no hanging up of stockings and no setting up of Christmas trees, and no carolers making the rounds of Beacon Hill.

Just when the Boston schools first closed for Christmas Day is not certain. As far back as 1827 they held no sessions, according to records available now. Even then, however, business went on as usual.

In 1846, according to Edward Everett Hale, "business as usual" was the rule. He wrote in the New England Magazine in 1889: "When I was first in charge of a church, which was in the town of Worcester in 1846, I announced that I should have a service, if only one person attended besides myself. I think the general impression was that that would be the state of things. The courts were in session on that day, the markets were open, and I doubt if there had ever been a religious service on Christmas Day unless it were Sunday, in that town."

It must have been about this time, or just after, that Christmas began to come into its own hereabouts. Queen Victoria had recently married Prince Albert, a German, and the German customs connected with the festival were being introduced into the British court. Thence they were adopted by the British people and began to spread to this side of the ocean.

Another thing which undoubtedly had much to do with the popularizing of Christmas was the influx of Catholic immigrants into New England. The Puritans' descendants still worked on Christmas Day in the 1840's, but the Catholic immigrants stayed home or went to church, and their children stayed home from school even in localities where sessions were held. Many descendants of those early immigrants can remember accounts of Christmas in those times, told to them by parents or grandparents.

All of these things together seem to have had a culminative effect. Strangely enough it was a "Know Nothing" legislature which first made the day a holiday in Massachusetts. The bill was passed and signed by Gov. Gardner in 1855. The act provided that the courts and public offices should be closed on Christmas Day. In the following year, 1856, this act was repealed and a similar one substituted for it.

From now on the customs of gift-giving and holiday-keeping that we know began to gain ground, as we adopted the Christmas traditions of all races which were pouring into Massachusetts. The Civil War, many think, provided an impetus. Probably the growth of the instituiton of Christmas may be compared to the sudden rise in popularity of football in recent years.

Even fifty or sixty years ago the old Puritan tradition was so strong that Christmas services were not held in Congregational churches. The first Christmas services in the Old South Church were held in 1872, when they were introduced by the predecessor of Dr. George A. Gordon. But in the last two or three generations Christmas has been waxing great, until it now ranks with July 4 as one of the most popular days of the year.

Observing of Christmas Changed in Century

Christmas 100 years ago! Perhaps it was a "green" one, such as we have occasionally in the 19th century, but more likely it was "white," with snow-packed roads, drifted fences, frosty air and a crisp sparkle over all the earth.

Then, as now, came a pre-Christmas period of preparation for festivities. Although gift-giving was a much simpler problem than in these days, much more time and thought were required to plan and prepare the Christmas dinner. It was not possible then to run around to the corner delicatessen shop on Christmas morning and buy pastries, cakes and perhaps even more hearty part of the dinner; it was necessary to prepare at home some of the culinary necessities that today can be obtained at the neighborhood grocery store. Thus, for at least a week before the expected day, the busy housewife made pies and puddings, pound cakes and tarts. The preparation of the Christmas chicken or turkey was a real ceremony with its own ritual. Nothing that belonged with a regular New England Christmas dinner must be omitted. Bounteous provision must be made for the large family gathering that would be expected for the annual Christmas feast.

On Christmas morning the house is filled with hustle and bustle. The dining room table must be lengthened, and chairs borrowed from other rooms to provide ample seating space at the extended festal board. Before half the arrangements are completed a jingle of bells in the keen wintry air announces the arrival of guests. Two or three sleighs draw up at the door, the horses steaming in the frosty atmosphere after their brisk trot along the snowy country way. Fur rugs and warm robes are thrown aside, and out step the aunts and uncles, grandparents and small cousins, all with happy smiles for the joyous occasion and glad to seek the warmth of a roaring fire on the hearth. Such an unbundling of heavy wraps, mufflers and mittens! The footwarmers must be brought into the house, and the soapstones put in the warming oven, so that they will be piping hot for the ride home.

At last the signal is given, and every one troops into the diningroom, with appetites whetted by an early morning breakfast, by morning chores, and by a long drive in the bracing wintry air. The heavily laden table is relieved of much of its burden in a short time, although there seems to be no end to the supply of good things brought in continously from the kitchen. Besides the Christmas turkey, there will be, of course, tasty corned beef, stewed goose, a huge roast of veal, all kinds of vegetables, followed by a variety of pies and cakes and a plum pudding. To accompany this bountiful menu is plenty of cider and possibly tea for the older people.

So much for the feast. When every one is satisfied, the table is cleared and the party adjourns to the "sitting-room" and the parlor—the latter room generally kept shrouded in sacred darkness, and opened only to the light on rare occasions, such as this.

While the men sit around the fireside, smoking their long-stemmed pipes or enjoying their snuff, the women exchange all the neighborhood news and talk over household affairs. The children's shrill voices almost drown the adult conversation as they play with their new and few Christmas toys. Jimmy and Johnny strenuously scuffle with each other in cousinly affection, for their homes are several miles apart, and after-school chores ordinarily take up much of their play time. Young Mary and Jane sit more quietly in a corner, discussing their doll familels, recklessly swapping stories concerning the astonishing prowess of their respective doll progenies.

Perhaps later in the afternoon the grown-ups will indulge in a game of cards or checkers. If the party is sufficiently large and feeling in very high spirits, some fiddler will furnish music for a Virginia reel or fancy contra-dance. What hilarity as everyone joins in and keep step to the rollicking tune! What shrieks of delight fill the air as the children watch the caperings of their elders.

Christmas was celebrated in about the same way by people in more settled villages and towns. Everywhere existed a strong family sentiment that was especially noticeable at Christmas time. If one were away on business he would make every effort possible to get home to the family gathering on Christmas day. It might be necessary to journey several days in an uncomfortable jolting stage coach, drawn by four or six horses. As it was possible for even the fastest mail stage to make more than a hundred miles during the entire twenty-four hours, traveling was tedious and slow. It was no swifter by water, on the small steamers and packets that ran along the coast. So a strenuous, irksome trip lay ahead of him who happened to be far away and determined to reach home in time for the Christmas celebration.

Among the people of wealth the Christmas dinner would be no more bountiful than any to be found in the simple country home, but it would probably include many delicacies out of season and others, imported from foreign lands.

The Christmas season might be the occasion of a private ball or cotillion party among society folk. The whole family would be invited to such a party if it is informal. The usual program included damcing for the young people, cards and conversation for the older ones, and generous refreshments for all, served from a sideboard, buffet style.

If the dancing party was formal and elaborate, there was a magnificent band, attired in brilliant costumes, to furnish the dance music. Besides the cotillion, which was the dance par excellence at that time and all the "rage", this band might inspire the dancers to the execution of a very rapid "hoppity" waltz or a stately minuet.

A great deal of wine would be served, and much toasting done to hosts, hostesses and society belles. Some of the toasts were witty, others rather flat; but whatever the quality, they were given solemnly, all toasters standing during the ceremony.

The beaux and belles of the season would appear in all their glory at such a Christmas fete. No doubt, manly beauty was, in some cases, set off by the voluminous effect of white frills bundled aroung the neck and tucked in the top of the vest, forming a part of the foppish masculine "ensemble" of the period. It is said that the beaux of that day also wore extremely small hats, perched on the crown of the head, and likened in size to "Aunt Tabby's snuff box". One society belle described her ball costume in the following manner: "A dress with a skirt of sheer dotted muslin trimmed with many rows of plaited white satin ribbon, a bodice of white satin, white lace around the neck, a large bouquet, and gold ornaments. My hair dressed with bandeau, braids and curls."

Picture the difference today! And we can imagine that she was well discussed by many a critical matron sitting in the chaperon's corner, as being quite a flapper!

It was somewhat later that the Christmas tree and Santa Claus came to the fore as Yuletide attractions, and the feast itself took a secondary position. Early New Englanders were opposed to too obvious Christmas celebration, because it seemed to their Puritanical eyes to smack of idolatry; but as this oppostion dwindled in came Santa with his reindeer and stood beside laden trees lighted with candles and surmounted by the Star of Bethlehem.

In smaller New England villages the cutting of the tree became almost a yearly rite. Two or three days before the great day father would get a hatchet, survey with a tentative eye the height of the front room ceiling, and depart with one or two or three of the children into the nearest spruce thicket. Trees would be tried and found wanting. Perfect symmetry was desired. Each child, a scouting party of one, would search the vicinity and come back with reports of trees that were just right. At length the perfect one was found, the axe rang out, and soon the party came home in triumph, dragging their prize behing them. Followed serious business of sawing off the butt evenly and nailing it into the bottom of a soap box filled with bricks and stones to make it stay upright.

Meanwhile in the town hall or church a monster tree was being prepared, and the big social event of the year was being negotiated by the Ladies' and other local societies. Santa appeared twice—still does, in fact, for this custom still rules in many communities. It was somewhat of a problem for the old gentleman to decide what things he would give Johnny on the big tree in the church and which he would reserve for Christmas eve at Johnny's home. And it was ofter difficult for mother to explain how Santa could spare two evenings in the same town, with all the children everywhere depending on his bounty. But stuffed with candy, dates and nuts, and delighted with his sled, popgun and soldier's hat, Johnny is never in any mood for academic discussion.

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Entertained Disabled Veterans

Twenty-five local people made up the party which visited the disabled veterans at Danvers Sunday afternoon under the auspices of the American Legion auxiliary to Andover post 8. The usual abundance of goodies, candy, fruit, cake and smokes were given to the boys and the entertainment program provided was as follows: Banjo and clarinet selections by Arthur Howker and Alexander Grimshaw of Lawrence; accordion selections, Martha Stelandry of Shawsheen Village, readings, Ruth Davis of Ballardvale.

Mrs. Freeman Abbott, welfare chairman of the Legion auxiliary was in charge assisted by the President Mrs. Joseph A. Miller and members of the auxiliary. The committee wishes to express its appreciation to all who gave the use of machines or assisted in any way in making the party for the disabled veterans a successful one.

The auxiliary met Tuesday evening in the Legion hall at seven o'clock. A Christmas tree party was held after the business meeting.

The annual Christmas tree party for children of members of the post or the auxiliary will be held Saturday afternoon in the Legion hall.

Holds Party on Sixth Birthday

A party was held Saturday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Farnsworth of Elm street, for their daughter, Gene Carol Farnsworth, who celebrated her sixth birthday. Games were played and refreshments were served by Mrs. Farnsworth.

Those present were: Ruth McLoughland, Glenice Draper, Grace Stuart, Margaret McFarlin, Eileen West, Elizabeth Yetten, Eleanor Hamel and Gene Farnsworth.

St. Augustine's Notes

The men of St. Augustine's parish received Holy Communion in a body at the 8:45 o'clock mass Sunday morning under the auspices of the Holy Name society. The society met Sunday evening in the church.

Devotions in honor of St. Therese will be held this evening at 7:45.

A 17th anniversary high mass of requiem will be sung Saturday morning at 7:30 for the late Mrs. Margaret Dugan.

South C. E. Notes

The Senior C. E. society of the South church will hold a candle-light service next Sunday in the vestry with parents and friends as guests. County President Max Hopkins of Beverly visited the society Sunday evening when Burton Whitcomb led the meeting. Howard Harrington will be the leader next Sunday. A Christmas social will be held December 30.

Custom of Drinking Toasts Originated Many Years Ago

Recent speculation as to the origin of toasts has led to efforts to determine when and where this ancient custom was inaugurated. And in seeking an answer to these questions much of interest relative to the practice has been uncovered.

While historians affirm that the voicing of a sentiment in communion with the sipping of wine dates only as far back as the 17th century, yet the lifting of glasses in salutation of reverence, fealty, or devotion antedates the Babylonian captivity of the Hebrews. However, health drinking in its modern acceptance virtually originated in England in the roistering days of King Charles II, when a toast was given to any women who happened to be the reigning belles of the court at that precise time.

History's pages team with the romance, tragedy, and significance of toasts, but it remained for the Saxon, Celtic, and Teutonic races to imbue a national distinction into their libations, so distinctly characteristic of these countries and times that nearly all the stories, fables, and traditions affiliated with this custom have been allied with these three races. We are told that the first records of toasting chronicle that the bowl used was a huge affair that necessitated the use of both hands to operate; and that in so doing, several knights and monarchs were assassinated while occupied in the act of "draining a draught of Rhenish down"; this occasioned the establishing of the custom that while the guest was drinking everyone else around the table was compelled to place his two thumbs on the table and thus show reverence and devotion. The occasional poisoning of the draught instituted the observance that the host always drank from the cup prior to its being handed to the guest, thus assuring the purity of the drink.

In the days of Beaumont and Fletcher young gallants used to stab themselves in the arm to allow a drop of their blood to drip into the wine with which they pledged their love and admiration for their mistresses. Sir Walter Scott records the custom of drinking the chieftain's toast by the guests placing one foot on the chair and the other on the table, then giving the clansman's war cry and the motto of their clan. Many Shakesperean plays make mention of drinking toasts and sack, which was in his time the favorite tipple of the taproom habitue.

It is a common custom today in the British Army when on foreign service for the officers at dinner to raise the loving cup, pronounce the name of the guest, and pass it from lip to lip to attest their admiration and devotion. The Saxon custom of clinking glasses or tankards still prevails throughout Britain.

In Germany, the raising of the glass to the level of the upper lip, and then steadily gazing into the eyes of the companion, is still in vogue and much observed.

In France, the touching of the rim of the glasses in unison seals that bond of friendship, so dear to the heart of every loyal Frenchman, and in some of the rural districts, to clink the glass, give voice to the sentiment, then each encircle the drinking arm of his or her companion and in this clasp, look into each other's eyes and drink the toast, is said to be the height of hospitality. The drinking of toasts is thus a delightful custom, full of sentiment and romance, irrespective of the beverage consumed.

Common to Mankind

Funny how most everybody wants to make a living sitting down.—Osborn (Mo.) Enterprise.

Dutch Banking Traced to Thirteenth Century

The Netherlands has been called the birthplace of progressive banking. Obscure records tell of Dutch mortgage banking and money-changing operations as early as the Thirteenth century. The Netherlands' first great bank, the Amsterdam Exchange bank (Wisselbank), was established in 1609. This institution was one of the first large banks in Europe, says United States Commerce Reports, having been founded 85 years before the bank of England. As its name implies, the Wisselbank was engaged primarily in exchanging moneys, although it also was permitted to function as a general cashier for merchants. It could accept deposits and pay bills, but was not allowed to lend its deposits. Instead, the depositor usually paid one-eighth of 1 per cent to the bank for the safekeeping of his funds.

The exchange bank system having outlived its usefulness, joint stock companies first appeared as early as 1806. The bank of the Netherlands, one of the oldest central banks of the world, was established in 1814. The enormous financing required during the Dutch colonial expansion necessitated an international banking structure and explains the modern and efficient banking structure of the Netherlands.

Father Nile Long Held Sacred by Egyptians

To the ancient Egyptians the annual flooding and fertilizing of their country by the river was a special gift of the gods, if indeed Father Nile were not himself a god of special beneficence to the people who dwell on his shores.

All their wealth, all their comfort, all their precious water came from the Nile, and they worshiped it as their dearest benefactor. When a pharaoh saw in a vision fat and lean cattle rising up from the sacred Nile it was a portent not by any means to be disregarded.

When the daughter of another pharaoh found, in the Nile, a baby floating in just such a boat of papyrus reeds daubed with bitumen, or inside with mud, as ferrymen used of a larger size for crossing the river, it seemed to her pious and maternal mind that this might be a special gift from Father Nile himself. Perhaps it was meant to be a special blessing to the royal court, even though the little one had its origin in a Hebrew home!—Montreal Family Herald.

"Panacea"

Another word that is almost invariably misused is "panacea." It is employed as if it were a synonym for "remedy" or "cure." But it means much more than that. A panacea is a universal remedy or cure; that is, a cure for everything, a cure-all. To speak of a panacea for a particular ailment is absurd. What the farmer needs for his economic illness is a remedy. Perhaps it is an indication of the seriousness with which observers view his condition that they are apt to speak of suggested remedies not as remedies but as panaceas. To such an extent is the meaning of the word misapprehended that one even sees the expression "universal panacea," which is like saying "limitless infinity"—as if there could be any other kind.—New York Evening Post.

From the Latin

From "mors," the Latin word for "death," comes an old English word "mort," meaning both "death" and "dead." "Gage" is equivalent to "pledge" (as in the phrase "gage of battle"); so "mortgage" means "dead pledge." The idea behind it is thus explained by Sir Edward Coke, attorney general to King James I: "It seemeth that the cause why it is called mortgage is, for that it is doubtful whether the Feoffor will pay at the day limited such summe or not, & if he doth not pay, then the Land which is put in pledge upon condition for the payment of the money, is taken from him forever and so dead to him." —Kansas City Times.

Trip Doctor Johnson Missed

The history of St. Kilda might have been happier had James Boswell carried out the project he once entertained of purchasing the isolated little island, says an article in a London paper.

He consulted Doctor Johnson, who took up the idea with enthusiasm.

"Pray do so, sir," said the Great Cham. "We will go there and pass a winter amid the blasts. We shall have fine fish, and we will take some dried tongues with us and some books."

Despite such encouragement, Boswell changed his mind—perhaps after an examination of his purse—and the purchase was never effected.

Beggary in Old England

Queen Elizabeth put down her royal foot and the golden age of begging was halted. Before the passage of the statute of 1572, thousands of vagabonds—most of them able-bodied scamps—made a living by wandering the length and breadth of England, begging, stealing and pestering householders as they went. In great companies they swarmed from shire to shire. At that time the profession numbered about 10,000 roving beggars, who throve on the indiscriminate charity distributed at monasteries (before their dissolution), at weddings or other countryside feasts and at the great baronial homes.

SHAWSHEEN VILLAGE

Briars Increase Lead

The Briars took four from the Bluebells and increased their lead in the Clan Johnston Auxiliary league. Mrs. C. Turnbull led with 111 and 306. Mrs. A. Petrie rolled 97 and 280. The Thistles took three from the Heathers, Mrs. A. Driscoll rolling 108 and 289 and Mrs. M. Cole 102 and 283.

The scores:

BRIARS				
J. McLay	74	86	82	242
M. Christie	84	76	82	242
M. Sutcliffe	71	78	77	226
C. Turnbull	98	97	111	306
Totals	329	337	352	1016
BLUEBELLS				
M. Thomson	73	80	81	234
L. Craik	70	82	88	240
J. Wood	77	85	84	246
A. Petrie	97	90	93	280
Totals	317	337	346	1000
THISTLES				
A. Driscoll	80	101	108	289
E. Bateson	78	99	89	266
M. Campbell	96	87	86	269
M. Cole	87	94	102	283
Dummy	75	66	68	209
Totals	416	447	453	1316
HEATHERS				
I. Campbell	93	86	75	254
K. Lefebvre	90	68	94	252
I. Petrie	98	69	85	252
W. Keith	75	66	84	225
M. Petrie	89	92	68	249
Totals	445	381	406	1232

Higginson Breaks Records

J. H. Higginson rolling for the Wardens broke two records in the Square and Compass league hitting 149 for a new single mark and 367 for a triple. The Wardens took four from the Masters. R. Dobbie rolled 133 and 359, D. Rennie 126 and 324 and Harry Forrest 115 and 329.

The Deacons dropped three to the Tylers. L. Johnson led with 108 and 307. The Marshals took three from the Stewards. Roy Hardy led wfth 117 and 342.

The scores:

WARDENS				
R. Dobbie	133	106	120	359
Higgins	81	79	83	243
Burns	103	91	83	277
Rennie	88	110	126	324
Higginson	99	119	149	367
Totals	504	505	561	1570
MASTERS				
Taylor	84	91	91	266
Hall	108	111	85	304
Forrest	104	110	115	329
Dummy	88	79	83	250
Dummy	81	91	83	255
Totals	465	482	457	1404
TYLERS				
R. Hill	73	85	93	251
Leitch	92	81	93	266
Ralph	100	99	106	305
Carse	87	110	91	288
Wadman	86	87	108	281
Totals	438	462	491	1391
DEACONS				
Johnson	108	91	108	307
Lewis	79	112	84	275
Foster	77	80	88	245
Elander	93	103	87	283
Dummy	73	81	91	245
Totals	430	467	458	1355
MARSHALS				
Scott	89	94	105	298
Sherman	92	114	93	299
Wiswall	100	92	92	284
Hadley	82	108	105	295
Dummy	80	76	86	242
Totals	453	484	481	1418
STEWARDS				
Kimball	84	83	105	272
Hatch	86	107	90	283
C. Hill	84	96	95	275
Ryley	80	76	86	242
R. Hardy	117	115	110	342
Totals	451	477	486	1414

Dimities Score Slam

The Dimities cleaned up the Ginghams in the Thimble club league with low scores prevailing. Mrs. J. Brown led with 97 and 262. The Voiles took three from the Broadcloths. Mrs. E. Stevens was high with 106 and 286. The Calicoes dropped three to the Percales. Mrs. P. Field hit 105 and 292 and Mrs. H. Stephenson 100 and 277.

The scores:

DIMITIES				
M. Johnson	84	73	74	231
J. Brown	78	87	97	262
E. Hall	81	90	81	252
A. Elander	71	79	74	224
Totals	314	329	326	969
GINGHAMS				
J. Coutts	74	77	71	222
L. Todd	80	87	75	242
B. Foster	50	75	72	197
B. Clark	84	77	87	248
Totals	288	316	305	909
PERCALES				
H. Stephenson	79	100	98	277
N. Kimball	76	82	77	235
N. Baldwin	66	67	76	209
P. Field	105	90	97	292
Totals	326	339	348	1013
CALICOES				
E. Hilton	62	74	85	221
G. Kefferstan	85	98	83	266
W. Dyer	69	91	69	229
M. Winkley	85	75	81	241
Totals	301	338	318	957
VOILES				
E. Todd	67	76	80	233
E. Stevens	79	101	106	286
L. Buttrick	84	90	70	244
E. Walker	70	70	77	217
L. Gillespie	91	70	94	255
Totals	391	417	327	1235
BROADCLOTHS				
A. Gilliard	78	81	73	232
G. Flint	90	91	81	262
A. Babb	70	86	85	251
R. Jowett	88	83	91	262
Dummy	67	70	70	207
Totals	393	411	400	1204

Hardy Holds Lead

Joe Higginson's record single and triple in the matches this week of the Andover Square and Compass club bowling league boosted his average to 109 20-30, but Roy Hardy put together a triple of 342 and held the lead with a mark of 111 2-30.

The averages:

Bowler	Strings	Pinfall	Average
R. E. Hardy	30	3332	111 2-30
J. Higginson	33	3617	109 20-30
R. Baker	15	1594	106 4-15
R. Dobbie	33	3439	104 7-33
H. W. Forrest	24	2492	103 20-24
R. Hadley	33	3351	101 18-33
H. W. Wadman	30	3045	101 15-30
G. Knipe	15	1521	101 6-15
L. Johnson	33	3306	100 6-33
E. Anderson	27	2681	99 8-27
O. Sutton	27	2675	99 2-27
E. Weeks	18	1782	99
J. M. Erving	6	594	99
J. Carse	30	2966	98 26-30
D. Rennie	33	3237	98 3-33
G. Wiswall	24	2341	97 13-24
J. Ralph	33	3211	97 10-33
E. F. Lewis	15	1460	97 5-15
L. D. Sherman	33	3205	97 4-33
C. A. Hill	33	3193	96 15-33
C. Scott	33	3114	94 12-33
E. B. Thornton	21	1977	94 3-21
W. Hatch	24	2258	94 2-24
M. Burns	33	3077	93 8-33
I. R. Kimball	33	3072	93 3-33
D. L. Coutts	15	1389	92 9-15
H. Porter	21	1939	92 7-21
C. Monro	9	830	92 2-9
H. Leitch	33	3025	91 22-33
J. Ryley	24	2178	90 18-24
C. Foster	21	1883	89 7-21
W. R. Hill	33	2898	87 27-33
A. Hall	27	2369	87 20-27
G. A. Higgins	33	2881	87 10-33
W. Taylor	33	2877	87 6-33
M. Downing	3	259	86 1-3
C. Elander	33	2836	85 31-33
H. Sellars	6	471	78 3-6

High single string, J. Higginson, 149.
High three string, J. Higginson, 367.

The standing:

Teams	W	L	Percent
Marshals	35	9	795
Wardens	27	17	.613
Stewards	24	20	.545
Tylers	18	26	.409
Masters	18	26	.409
Deacons	10	34	.227

"Inside" Information

Tea, coffee, and spices hold their flavor best in air-tight containers. Baking powder also should be kept in an air-tight tin to maintain its leavening powers.

Try this for the children's lunch. Toast slices of bread on one side. Butter the untoasted side. Cover to the edge with a thick layer of ground beef. Season with salt and pepper. Dot with butter or other clean, sweet fat. Broil under a flame for 5 to 10 minutes, so that the outside is browned and the under side of the meat is rare. Serve at once with a garnish of parsley.

Instead of placing slices of lemon in a platter with fish, to garnish it, pass them on a separate plate, so that they will not become greasy. It is better to cut the lemon lengthwise into six or eight sections, than to slice it, when one expects to squeeze the lemon juice over the fish. Finely chopped parsley may be sprinkled on the fish as a garnish and flavor.



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Shawsheen Community Church Notes

The Sunday school approaching 200 members will begin celebration of the Christmas season on Saturday. The teachers and superintendent have planned an afternoon with Santa Claus tomorrow, Saturday, at 3 p. m. in Balmoral hall. At this hour the children of the kindergarten and primary departments will attend. At 7:30 p. m. Mr. Wade and his helpers will have a party for the rest of the school.

On Sunday the true message of Christmas will begin to have place. The children and their friends are to come to the service with carols and Christmas messages at 3 P. M. The children will have the major part but in the short service Rev. Newman Matthews and Rev. Charles W. Henry will have a share.

The school classes during the past season have been preparing special gifts for children not so fortunate in surroundings, which will be sent to various places at Christmas time.

The 1929 edition of that peculiarly New England institution, the Old Farmer's Almanac, the 137th of its kind, has just made its appearance. It contains the usual variety of interesting data so arranged as to make it a handy and valuable guide.

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